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JACKET BUZZ

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Seniors

Senior Class Officers

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Andrea Everitt

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Madeline Rodriguez

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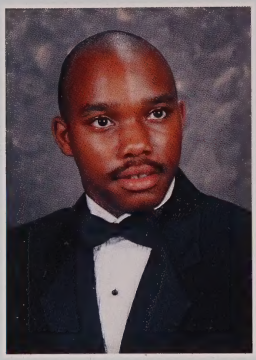
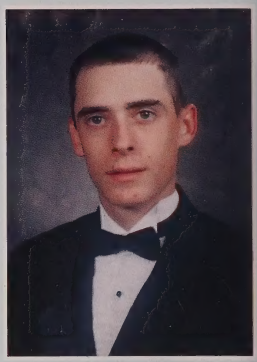


Ariane Andrews

Letisha 'Petey' Andrews



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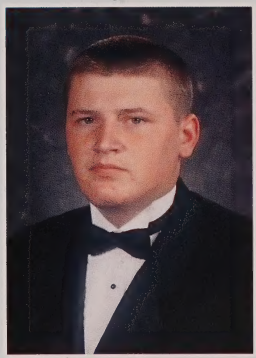
Angela Kay Borrell



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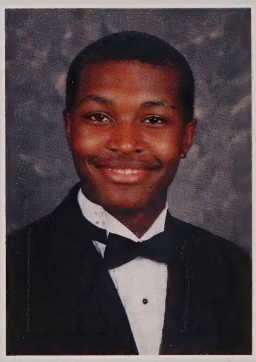

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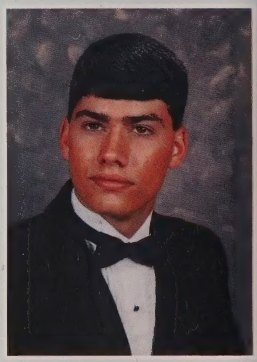

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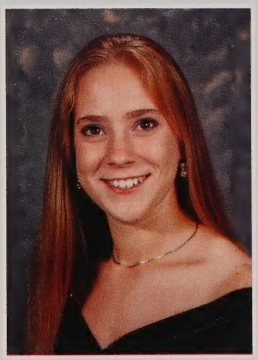

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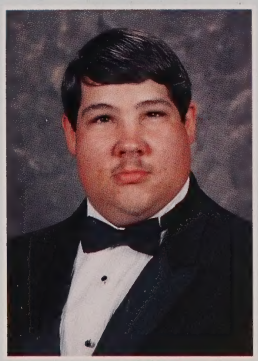

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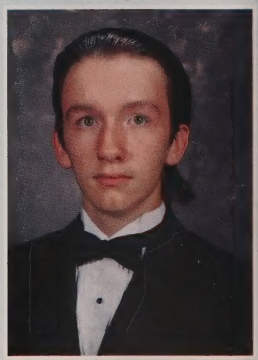
Stephanie Jade Cates



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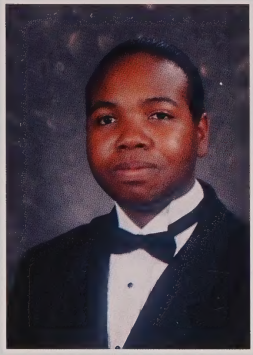
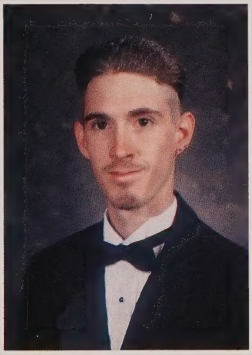


Desmond 'Des' Davis

Gena Marie DeRico

Tamika Melanese Edwards



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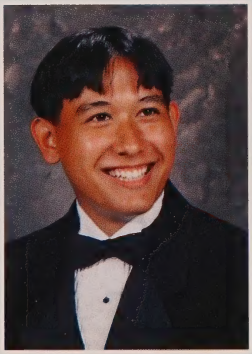

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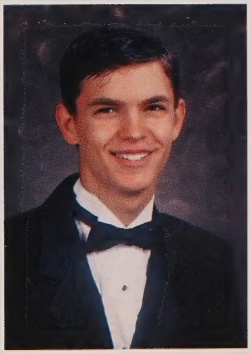


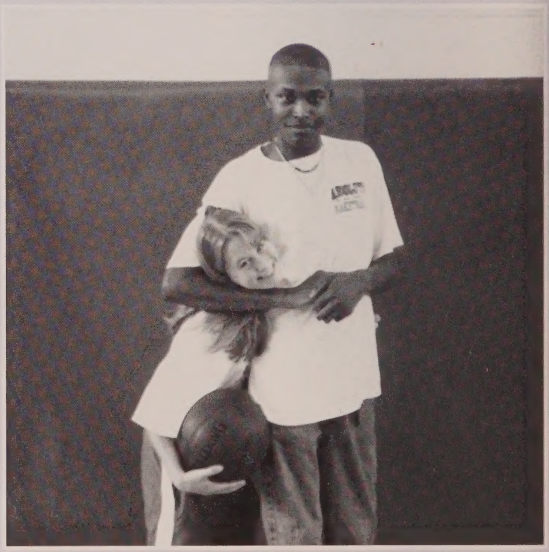
Michael Chad Gainey

Senior *Superlatives*

Most Dependable
Jeremy Sapp and Jennifer Evans

Most School Spirit
Jason Rhoton and Aimee Reupke

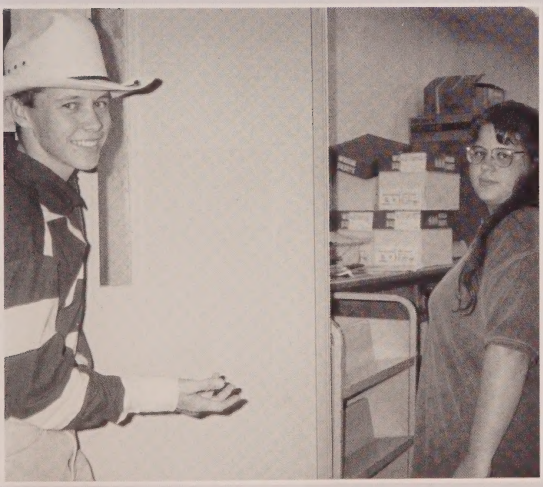
Class Flirt
Ariane Andrews and Celesica Howell



Most Athletic
Anthony Brown and Susan Rash

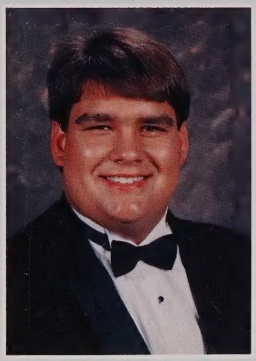
Class Clowns
Ariane Andrews and Rebecca Lovett

Best Eyes
Jeff Nunnery and Aimee Reupke



Most Courteous
Jeremy Sapp and Jennifer Evans

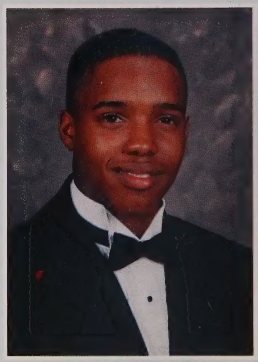
Best Smile
Gabe Bewer and Angela Borrell



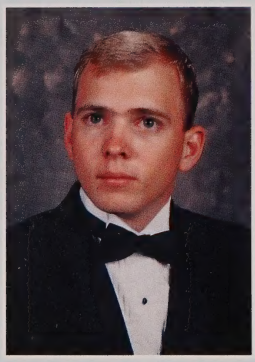
John Tray Hawkins

Celesica Renee Howell

Alite Marie Jackson



Tremaine Jackson



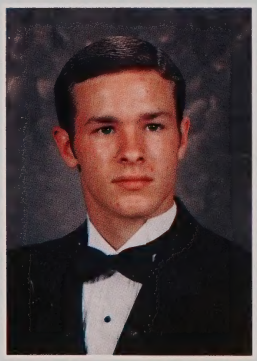
Chad Joyner

Rebecca Nicole Lovett

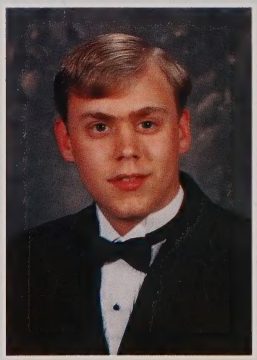
Vanessa Leigh Miyazato

Tammie Lynn Morris

Martha Gail Newsome



Jeffery Nunnery



James Clifton Odom

Comanesa Peterson

Shameka Laresa Pittman

Susan Rash

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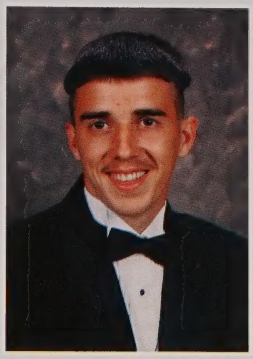
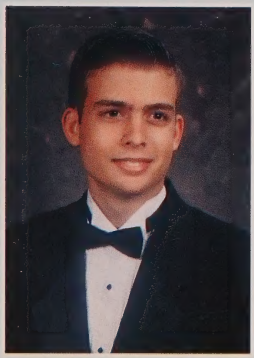


Jason Rhoton

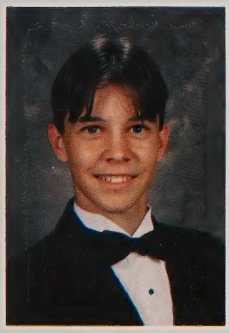


Jeffery Riley

Katresa Juquetta Roberts

Patrice Laquetta Roberts

Madeline Rodriguez



Jeremy Sapp

Tanya Dee Smith

Tracey Thompson

Misty Voeller

Most Likely to Succeed
Jeff Riley and Jennifer Evans

Best Hair
Jeff Nunnery and Angela Borrell

All Eyes on Us

Most Gullible
Chad Joyner and Rebecca Lovett

Best Dressed
James Odom and Celesica Howell

Most Attractive
Tremaine Jackson and Angela Borrell

Quietest
Jennifer Evans and Sam Guinn (*not pictured*)

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Most Talkative
Aimee Reupke and Ariane Andrews

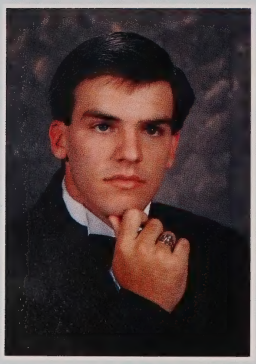
Best Sense of Humor
Tray Hawkins and Tamika Edwards

Wendi Wagner

Alisha Walters

Crystal Ward

Charity Krystal White



Jonathan Willoughby

Anthrin Wismann

Not Pictured:
Paula Briggs
Jim Chaney
Sam Guinn
Randall Jackson
Warren Whitfield

Tamika Edwards takes a moment to gaze wearily into the camera.

Far right, Vanessa Miyazato and Letisha Andrews take a break from shooting the Senior Hall of Fame pictures.

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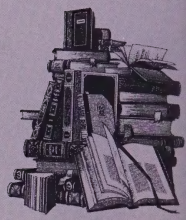
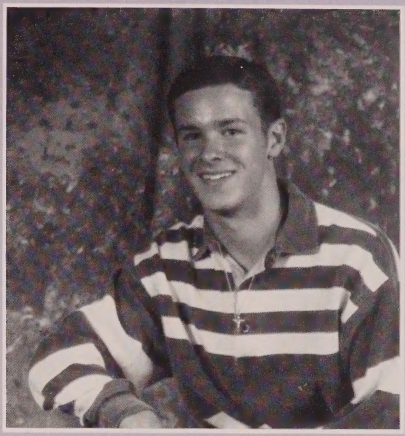
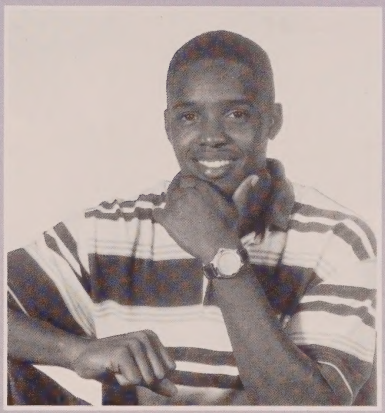
The 1997 Senior Hall of Fame



The 1997 Senior Hall of Fame: Letisha Rae Andrews, Dawn Bullivant, Jeffery Riley, Jennifer Evans, Charity White, and Andrea Everitt

Senior Beauties and Cuties



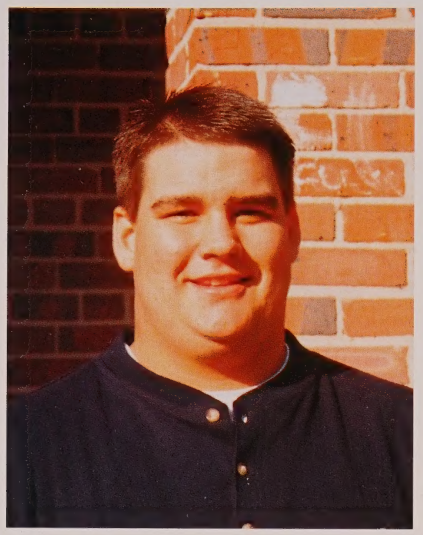


Class Favorites

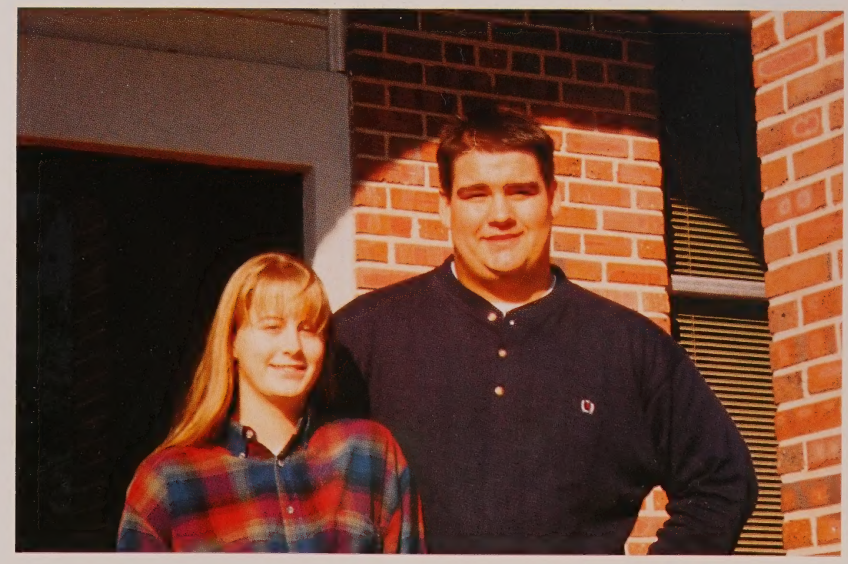
Senior Class Beauties and Cuties are shown above: Gena DeRico, Jeff Nunnery, Angela Borrell, and Tremaine Jackson. The Senior Class voted Tray Hawkins and Andrea Everitt as their Class Favorites. Both students are very outgoing and involved in school activities. Tray is a star player on the football team and is a member of many clubs. Andrea is on the *winning* volleyball team, the president of the senior class, and is involved in many clubs. It is an honor for all of these student to be recognized.

Mr. and Miss VHS

Tray Hawkins and Susan Rash

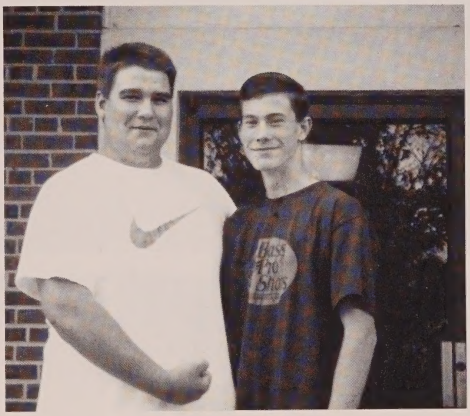


Tray Hawkins and Susan Rash were voted by their class as Mr. and Miss. VHS. They are both great athletes. Susan on the volleyball , basketball, and, softball teams. She is president of Future Educators of America,and is a member Student Council and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Tray is one of the captains of the football team. He is named the Top 200 high school recruits in the country. He is also on the baseball team. Tray is a member of the Key Club, Futu Educators of America, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Student Council. Tray has many recruiters interested in hi for playing football at a number of different colleges.



Student Life

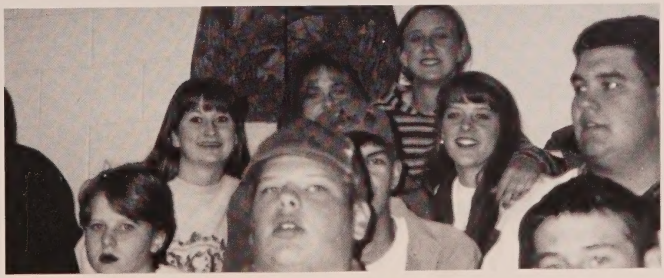
(Above) Tiffany Pettis and Lacey Tison are dressed in their future occupational garb. Tiffany, we can understand your choice, but Lacey have you thought your decision through?



(Top) Tray Hawkins tries to show his masculinity while Olen Pettis simply shows his studly smile.

(Middle) Tomika Jackson, Quatika Brown, LaToya Reed, and Shameka Brown show their Christmas spirit.

(Bottom) A group of students look pretty for the camera.



The things we do to earn a dollar

Top Five Expenses

5. Unbelievably Uncomfortable Dates

4. Mysteriously Lost Books

3. Always Unfairly-Given Speeding Tickets

2. Gut-Wrenchingly Overpriced Clothes

1. Parent-Terrorizing Senior Expenses

Top right: Tamika Edwards explains her views on the rising cost of food.

Above: Car payments and speeding tickets are some of the main expenses facing Vernon students.

Right: Heather Worthington tries to weasel her way out of a future speeding ticket.

Right: Andy White, Jake Miller, and Samuel Roche work off their school debts by improving the school's landscaping.

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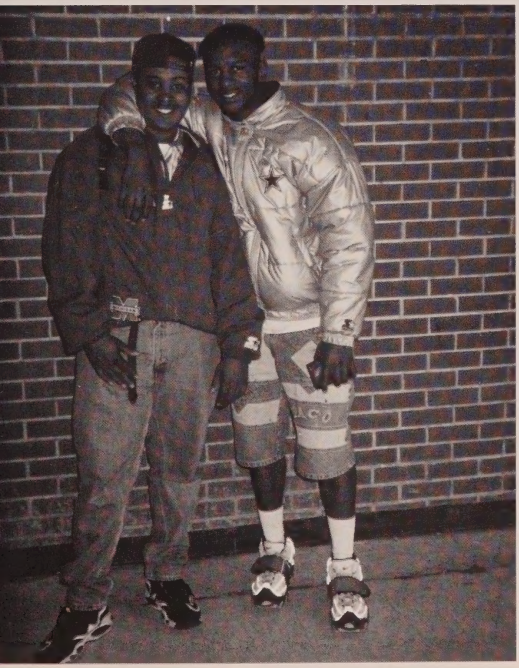
"Senior paraphernalia broke my my piggy bank this year. I spent all my time working."
-Jennifer Folmar



Top: Jennifer Folmar cooks some of McDonald's famous fries in an attempt to make some cash for senior expenses and weekend excursions. Above: Farrah Ridgeway and Heather Vickers say,"Get a job? Us?! Never!" Left: Donaldson Campbell gives us a handsome smile as he shows off his costly duds. Jermaine Marks shows off his new Nikes that probably set him back a pretty penny.

WORK PLAY

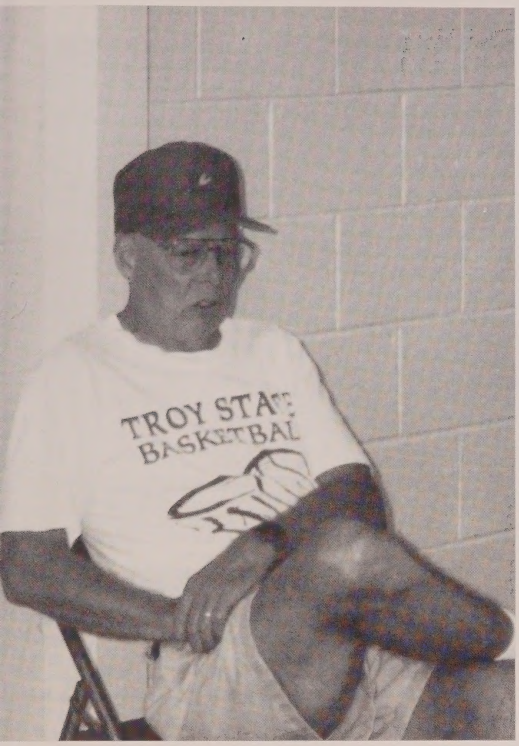
Sometime during life everybody has to work and play

Officer Arndt is having to concentrate really hard to complete his paperwork. He is dreaming of going out and catching all of those speeding students trying to get home.

Angela and Jennifer Folmar are working hard at McDonald's. They are rushing to get all the orders right.

Tamika Edwards is goofing off, as usual. Don't worry, Tamika, we will find you a man so you don't have to hug the wall.

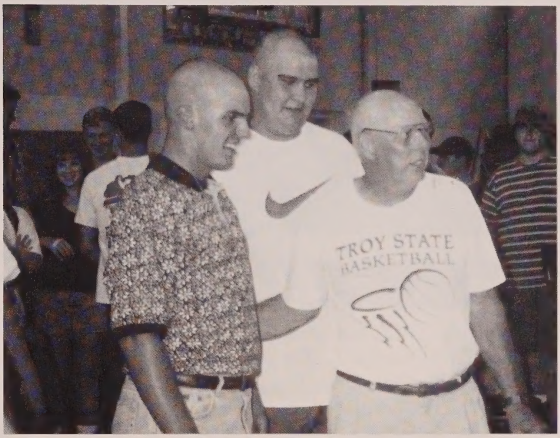
Heather Worthington, Waukesha Peterson, Rachel Morrison, Angela Borrell, and Lacey Tison take a break from their busy schedule to play around with the camera.

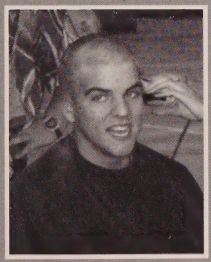


On September 3, 1996, some employees from the "Final Touch" in Chipley came to Vernon High School to shave the heads of a group of football players and other male students. The students did this to show their support for Coach Todd's plight against lymphoma cancer.

IN TRIBUTE...
Coach Todd watches the boys shave their heads out of respect for him.

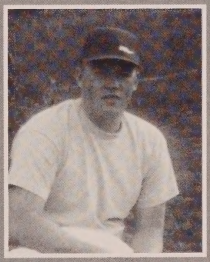
IN HONOR...
Other students and faculty are showing their support and love for Coach Todd.





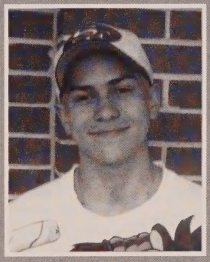
The reason why I shaved my head was for Coach Todd, to show him that we love him a lot and respect him. Another reason is to also show him that he is not fighting this fight alone and we are praying for him.

John Mark Willoughby



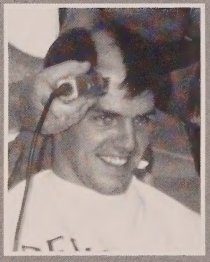
My purpose for shaving my head was to support Coach Todd as he goes to his treatment. Everyone needs support through times like that, and he would do the same for me.

Coach Hall



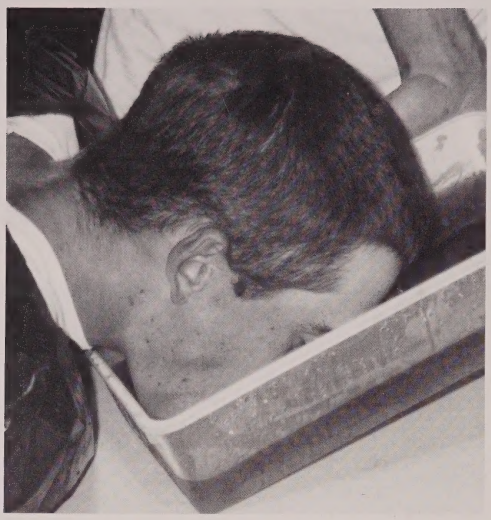
I shaved my hair for Coach Todd because it was a team thing. I met Coach Todd during summer school, got to know him, and thought he was cool. So when the idea came up to shave my head, I decided it would be a great thing to do, and I'm glad I did it.

Christopher Naylor



We wanted to show that we will miss him. He has unbelievable enthusiasm. He's always a very great helper about getting us pumped up for games. He's someone that you just always want to be around.

Jonathan Willoughby



THE DAYS PRIOR TO HOMECOMING....

Above left: The Jello Eating Contest was held during lunch every day of Homecoming Week. One person from each Homeroom competed. Ben Best won the competition Thursday. He ate more jello than any other person.
Above right: Jesse English works on the Sophomore float in Mrs. Bush's room. Every day during the week each class worked really hard on their float trying to make it better than any other grade's.

DRESS UP DAYS

We had dress up days during Homcoming Week. Each day there was a different category to dress as. The topic and days were as follows: Monday-CollegiateDay; Tuesday- Nerd Day; Wednesday-Hippy Day; Thursday-Opposite Day; and Friday-Orange and Blue. Above left: Mr. Madeline Rodriguez and Mrs. Anthony Brown are all dressed up with their hats. They must be planning a night out on the town. Above right: Heather Worthington, John Rogers, and Ashley Zurica dressed in their best nerd clothes. Didn't you wear those clothes last week?

!! HOMECOMING 1996 !!

Can't Hide Our Pride

Homecoming '96 was the best ever. There were a lot of different changes, but it was still one of the most fun times of the year. Homecoming week was November 4-8. The theme to this year's Homecoming theme was "Can't hide our pride." The parade was held on Friday, November 8.

Left: The Junior class seems to have put a lot of work into this year's Homecoming parade float. This year's spirit stick was awarded to the class or club that placed first in the Homecoming float contest. The winner of this year's spirit stick was the Junior class.

Left: Olen Pettis is cuttin' the rug during the Homecoming Pep Rallly. Olen, why don't you dance like that at the school dances?

Above: The Mr. Jacket competition was held on the Wednesday of Homecoming Week. The winners were Olen Pettis, 2nd runner-up; Richard Day, Mr. Jacket; and Jonathan Willoughby, 1st runner-up.

Homecoming Court

Being in the Homecoming Court is a very prestigious honor.

Right: The Homecoming Court and the football players who nominated them–A. Reupke, J. Rhoton; R. Lovett, T. Hawkins; D. Duty, C. Birge; S. Cook, R. Ray; V. Siples, T. Scott; A. Borrell, J. Willoughby; C. Howell, G. Brewer; W. Wagner, J. Nunnery. Not pictured: C. Peterson, T. Jackson.

Below: Angela Borrell, first runner-up, smiles as she cruises down the street in the Homecoming Parade. Can you tell she loves throwing candy to the little kids?

Above, Comanesa Peterson, 1996 Homecoming Queen, and her escort, Lois Jackson, smile big for the camera.

Right, Tynisha Peterson crowns Comanesa Peterson. Congratulations, Coma! This will be a night she will always remember.

The Game

The Homecoming Game was held on Friday, November 8, 1996. The Vernon Yellow Jackets played against the Cottondale Hornets. After playing a hard game, the Jackets were defeated 34-6. Tremaine Jackson scored the touchdown for Vernon.

The Varsity Cheerleading Squad cheered the team on and tried to keep their spirits up.

JUST Speak YOUR MIND

What was your favorite thing about Homecoming?

My favorite thing about Homecoming was the whole week. I was just so happy to know how much school spirite everyone had.

--Waukesha Peterson

My favorite thing was the football game. It was one of those things that you want to come but never to be over. The week was good, too. We were robbed Friday by the little Juniors in the float competition. All in all it was a good week.

--Tray Hawkins

The best thing about Homecoming was the winner of the Spirit Stick: THE JUNIORS!! Other than the joy of beating the seniors would have to be cheering at the game. It was the most fun game we cheered at all season!

--Heather Worthington

Miss Vernon High School Pageant '96

The Miss Vernon High School Pageant was held on October 19, 1996. The pageant was sponsored by the Junior Class. There were three categories: Little Miss VES, Junior Miss VMS, and Miss Vernon High School.

Rebekah Sapp was crowned Junior Miss VMS '96.

Marie Boyce is 1996 Miss Vernon High School.

The Little Miss VES '96 is Samantha Suits.

Miss Vernon Pageant '97

Victoria Williams was crowned Tiny Tot Miss Vernon.

The 1997 Little Miss Vernon is Megan Crafton.

The 1997 Middle Miss Vernon and court are (left) Samantha Shiver, 1st Runner-up; (middle) Britney Wright, winner; and Shannon Gilpin, 2nd Runner-up.

Miss Vernon Pageant 1997

The Miss Vernon Pageant, sponsored by the Vernon High School Student Council, was held on March 15, 1997. To be a contestant in the Miss Vernon Pageant many pre-requisites had to be met, such as an essay, interview, two speeches, and onstage question. Dawn Bullivant, another contestant in the Miss Vernon Pageant, won the essay category, and Heather Colllins won the interview division.

Top left: The Young Miss Vernon and court are (left) Brittney Osborne, 1st Runner-up; Christina Colson, Young Miss Vernon.

Above: Kristin Richard is the 1997 Teen Miss Vernon.

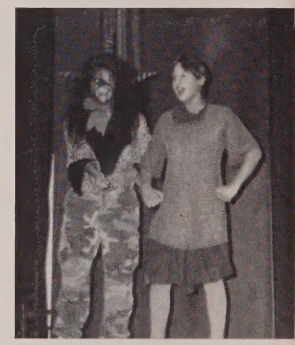
Left: The 1997 Junior Miss Vernon and court are (left) Lacie Borders, 1st Runner-up; (middle) Sherina Howell, Junior Miss Vernon; (right) Amanda Johnson, 2nd Runner-up.

Left: The Miss Vernon winners are (left) Vanessa Miyazato, 2nd Runner-up; (middle) Heather Collins, Miss Vernon; and Angela Borrell, 1st Runner-up.

DRAMA PLAY

CLUMSY CLUSTARD HORROR SHOW

The drama class presented the play The Clumsy Custard Horror Show during the Spring Festival of the Arts. Cast members include: Richard Woodham, Jackie Cargo, Aimee Reupke, Shane Whitaker, Ashley Zurica, Crystal Ward, Gena DeRico, Denna Mueller, James Hamilton, Sabrina Gill, Kozmas Smith, Karen Clark, Alzado Brown, Candice Kirk, LaToya Reed, Brandon Andrews, Stephanie Walsingham, Rena Cobb, Tameka Hudson, and Misty Lemire.



Gena DeRico and Shane Whitaker portray characters who fall in love with each other in spite of pretending to be someone other than who they are. After being captured, Gena (at right) talks to Head (played by Karen Clark). Ashley Zurica and Shane are ready to take on the bad guys. At right, some of the cast members take a curtain call.

INTERCLUB COUNCIL BANQUET

VHS held its second annual Interclub Council Banquet on May 13, 1997 in the cafeteria. Key Club members decorated for the occasion, and each club presented certificates of achievement and recognition to its membership. Some of the clubs represented were Student Council, Key Club, Bible Club, FEA, FCA, and Beta Club.

Top: Student Council members receiving recognition include J. Evans, P. Courtney, C. White, W. Smith, M. Burch, J. Willoughby, and H. Worthington.

Above left: President of the ICC, Jennifer Evans, gives the welcome.

Above right: FCA members earning certificates are T. Pettis, K. Lovett, A. Bennett, W. Smith, R. Lovett, J. Willoughby, H. Worthington, S. Rash, J. Willoughby, L Buswell, C. White, A. Borrell, M. Sciolino, R. Day, and T. Morris.

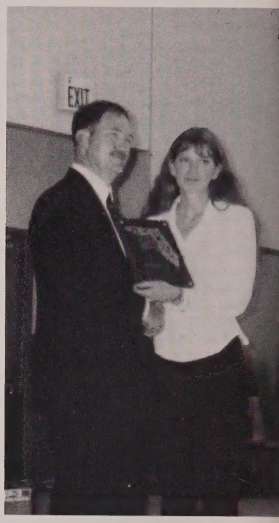
Left: FEA members display their certificates. Shown are M. Burch, T. Pettis, M. Carter, J. Evans, W. Smith, R. Lovett, P. Courtney, J. Willoughby, S. Rash, L. Tison, C. White, C. Gainey, and O. Pettis.

Bible Club members at the ICC Banquet are J. Willoughby, J. Evans, J. Sapp, T. Morris, S. Cook, J. Willoughby, R. Lovett, S. Cook, J. Riley, C. White, and A. Borrell.

Beta Club members smile for the camera: T. Morris, P. Courtney, A. Borrell, L. Buswell, J. Evans, R. Lovett, S. Cook, M. Carter, W. Smith, S. Rash, S. Cook, J. Riley, H. Worthington, and T. Pettis.

Jennifer Evans (who was awarded the coveted John Philip Sousa Award, the highest award given band students), Louie Fromm, Dawn Bullivant,Tammie Morris, and David Cheverie present Mr. Seaboch (center) with a gift director's baton.

Tammie Morris receives the Florida Band Master Outstanding Senior Award. Mr. Seaboch awards this to her based on her ability to perform.



Band Banquet

The Pride of Vernon

The Vernon High School Band Banquet was held on Thursday, May 22, 1997. The band participates in many competitions. Members of the band work very hard all year. At the banquet, they are recognized for all of their hard work and achievements. Special awards are given to the members who rise above and beyond the expectations. Some special awards are reserved for the seniors who excel in musical talents. Mr. Seaboch guides the band members starting in the sixth grade. By the time the students are ready to graduate a bond has formed between them. Mr. Seaboch is more than a band teacher; he is a friend. He is given the opportunity at the banquet to show his respect for them and they can show theirs back to him. The band officers, Captains-Jennifer Evans and Tammie Morris, Drum Major-Angie Sapp, Assistant Drum Majors-Shanna Cook and Yolanda Johns, Uniform-Misty Burch and Amy Boyce, Finance-Molly Carter, Historian-Bobbie Jo Pilgram, Transportation-Dawn Bullivant, and Chaplain-Gary Brock, were recognized for their hard work and the new officers for the 1997-98 school year were installed.

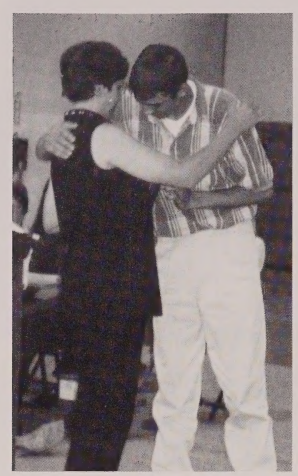
(Left) Jonah Worthington receives the Junior High Band Award. He receives it based on his music ability and on his peers' preference.

(Below) Gary Brock receives the Senior High Band Award. His peers recognize his musical abilities and vote him as most suited for the award.

(Left) Jennifer Ward, Tonya Johns, Jessica Smith, Vicki Harcus, and Amanda Pennington are the first color guard members from Vernon High School to participate in Solo and Ensemble and to receive a superior rating.

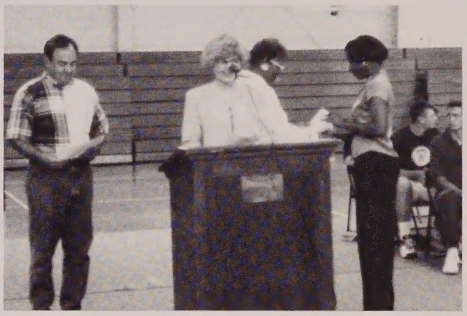
(Above) Mr. Seaboch presents Louie Fromm the National Band Masters Association Award. This award is the second-to-the-most prestigious award a student can receive.

Senior Awards Assembly



Jason Rhoton receives an award from Shady Grove ball field. It was presented by his mother, Laura Brewer.

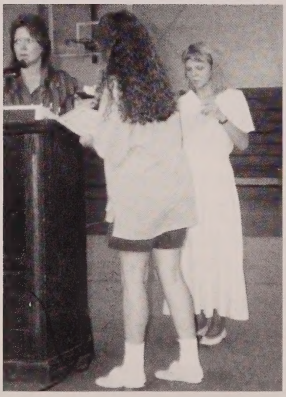
The Senior Awards Assembly was held on Monday, May 18, 1997, during school. The seniors were awarded in many areas ranging from scholarships to involvement in athletics. Afterwards, the seniors read their wills to the junior class.



Tamika Edwards is one of the many seniors who worked hard to earn the Gold Seal Scholarship in either Business or Agribusiness.

Charity White receives a scholarship to UWF. She is one of many students who recieved scholarships that day.

Underclassman Awards Assembly



Mrs. Cook awards many awards during the Underclassman Award Assembly.

The Underclassman Awards Assembly was held on May 20, 1997. This assembly allows teachers to give an award to the underclassmen who have excelled in their class. The Student Council officers for the 1997-98 school year were also installed.

Samantha Cook is recognized for a job well done on the Writing Assessment Test.

Rebecca Purvis is awarded for the highest GPA in English I Honors.

Anthony Brown and Susan Rash receive the *Wash. Co. Post* Male & Female Athlete of the Year trophies.

Matt Hall and Terrence Scott share a trophy for having a tie for most total weight lifted at 900 pounds.

Athletic Banquet

On May 19, the Vernon High Athletic Association hosted its annual Athletic Banquet. Mr. Wesley Hall welcomed the crowd, Jonathan Willoughby gave the invocation, and then dinner was served. Many awards were presented during the course of the evening in volleyball, cheerleading, football, basketball, weightlifting, baseball, softball, and track. Seniors, in particular, were recognized for their achievements.

Far left, Tray Hawkins is presented the Earl Sellers' Memorial Award from the *Washington County News*.

Above, senior athletes pose with their awards.

Left, Jeff Nunnery, recipient of the Alexis Andrews Memorial Award for good sportsmanship, stands with Coach Aaron Todd. The award is given in memory of Alexis, who died in a drowning accident five years ago.

1997 Mr. & Miss Yellow Jacket: Susan Rash and Tremaine Jackson.

Senior volleyball team members: Leah Buswell, Patrice Roberts, Katresa Roberts, Susan Rash, Comanesa Peterson, Tamika Edwards, and Alite Jackson.

Varsity softball team members: Leah Buswell, Tammie Morris, Susan Rash, Rebecca Lovett, Marla Harrell, and Ashley Zurica.

Academic Banquet

The Academic Banquet awards those students who try hard in their scholastic achievements.

(Right) Mr. Jerry Sapp and Mrs. Sherri Sapp were the Master and Mistress of the ceremony. They did a wonderful job in giving out the awards. Because of their exceptional elocutionary skills, the ceremony ran very smoothly.

The Academic Banquet was held on May 20, 1997, at 7:00 and sponsored by the Vernon High School Student Council. Awards were given to the mentors of Vernon High School students and to the students who excelled in academics. Trophies were given to the juniors and seniors who made the "A" or "AB" Honor Roll during the first five six-weeks. Recognition was given to those students who placed in competitions at George C. Wallace and at Chipola Junior College. Many businesses were recognized for their contributions in making the Academic Banquet a success.

(Above, left) Many teachers and retired teachers come out to support the academics at Vernon High School. Here they are conversing while eating at the meal.

(Above, right) Mellissa Tharp, Vice-President of the Vernon High School Student Council, is enjoying her meal. She helped hand out the trophies and awards to the Honor Roll students.

(Right) Many students stand up to receive their recognition for making a three or better on the Tenth Grade Writing Assessment Test. All students are required to take the test in the tenth grade.

Academic Banquet

(Left) Kenji Andrews receives his award for excellence in academics. He, like many other students, has worked hard all year in expectations of receiving an award at the Academic Banquet.

(Below) Will Smith is one of the four students who won the door prizes. Tickets were given to the students who were on the Honor Rolls. At the end of the evening, all the ticket stubs were put into a basket and a ticket was drawn out. The student holding the ticket received the prize.

Charity White accepts her award for a senior year full of hard work.

Many Vernon High School students, parents, teachers, retired teachers, and members of the Washington School Board attend the banquet. A lot of emphasis is placed on academics. It is well known that Vernon High School's first priority is the students' learning.

Sweet Dreams . . .
Junior/ Senior Prom 1997

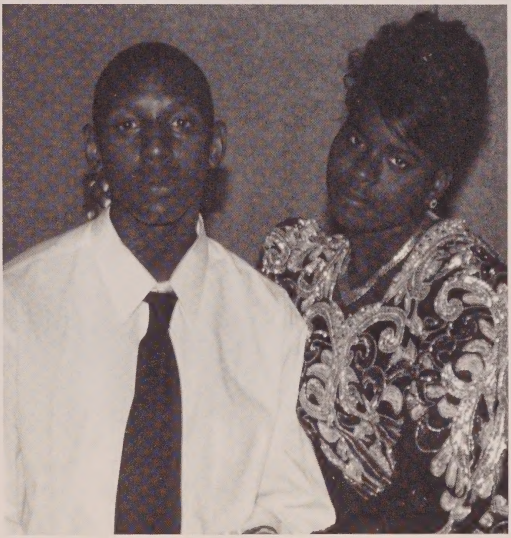
This year's 1997 Junior/ Senior Prom was held at the Bay Point Marriott Resort in Panama City Beach, Florida on Saturday, May 3, 1997. The prom was beautifully decorated with the Senior class colors of purple and white. An extravagant buffet dinner was served and many enjoyed dancing to the music provided by Gulf Coast Entertainment. The junior class raised all the funds for the prom by sponsoring many fundraisers. This year's prom was a very well-organized and memorable event.

Above left: Leah Buswell and Misty Burch arrive at prom ready to steal the show in their beautiful yellow and black dresses. Above center: Tammy Morris and Jeremy Sapp are glued together at prom just about as bad as they are at school. Above right: Jackie Cargo, Rachel Morrison, and Amber Bennett strike a pose for the camera while dancing at prom.

At right, Crystal Ward and Johnathan Cook wear original matching outfits to the prom and seem to having a good time while they take a break from dancing.

Left: Seniors cut loose on the dance floor and look to be having a great time as they cut the fool one last time. Among those acting crazy: Andrea Everitt, Angela Borrell, Jason Rhoton, Jonathan Willoughby, Charity White, Tray Hawkins, Tammie Morris, and Jeremy Sapp.

Below left: Grady Peterson and Alicia Jackson sweetly smile for the camera. Tonya Johns and her date look a little tired after a night of dancing.



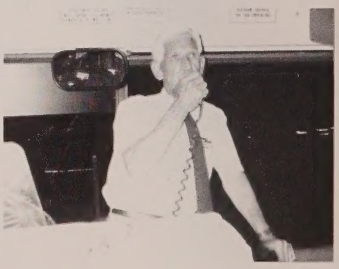
Left: Seniors Jonathan Willoughby, Susan Rash, Rebecca Lovett, Charity White and Andrea Everitt seemed bewildered and amused by the Junior toast.

Senior Trip

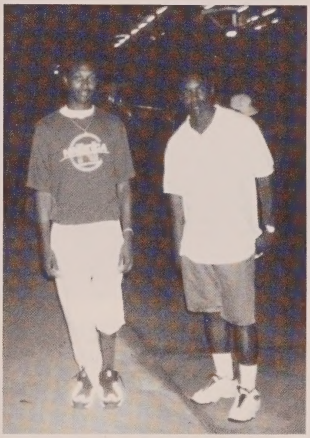
Grad Nite '97

Twelve midnight on Thursday May 8, 1997 the class of 1997 embarked on the senior trip of a lifetime. Thirty seniors and ten chaperones made their six hour trip to Orlando, Florida for two days and three nights of slam packed fun. The first stop was at Shoney's in Orlando, Florida at 6:00 a.m where the entire senior class enjoyed the breakfast bar. Not long after that they made it to Disney World, spending the entire day riding rides and reliving their childhood. After a day of fun in the hot Orlando sun the seniors loaded the bus with Mr. Bob, Southern Coach bus driver, and headed off to the hotel for a couple of hours of rest before the Grad Nite extravaganza. They finally had an oppritunity to get a little shut eye and a shower after about 15 hours of fun. They then loaded the buses once again and headed off to MGM for the Grad Nite Blast Off Party, where they spent a couple of hours screaming their heads off on the Tower of Terror. They also danced the night away at the dance in the middle of MGM. Loading the bus again, they drove over to Disney for the Grad Nite extravaganza. From 11:00p.m. until 5:30a.m. they got to hear bands like Az Yet, Goo Goo Dolls, Aleih, and David Murphy. They also spent time standing in line for those great Disney rides. Needless to say, they were all about beat. They all found benches and booths to catch some shut eye. Finally, Grad Nite was over and they got to hit the sack until 11:00 a.m. The next morning they awoke feeling refreshed and ready to spend the day at MGM. They spent the day park-hopping and finished the trip at 9:00p.m. and loaded the bus: destination Vernon. They arrived in Vernon at 4:30a.m., May 10, ready to get home and get some sleep. The trip was great and was one they will cheerish in their memories for the rest of their lives.

Right: Mr. Bob, Southern coach bus driver, tells the seniors to sit back and be quiet.



Seniors take a moment to pose with--who else?!--Mickey himself. Those celebrating the moment are Jonathan Willoughby, Jeff Nunnery, Susan Rash, Angela Borrell, Rebecca Lovett, Charity White, Jason Cates, Tray Hawkins, Chad Gainey, Chad Joyner, and Andrea Everitt.



Mandi Davidson, Comanesa Peterson, and Tamika Edwards take a moment to sit and take in all the fun at Disney World. (Coma even has enough energy left to sit up straight!)

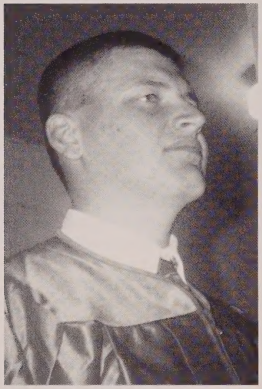
Anthony Brown and Tremaine Jackson show off in front all the girls at Grad Nite. Both are looking a bit tired and ready for a pillow by this time.

Seniors Angela Borrell, Jeremy Sapp, Tammie Morris, Jonathan Willoughby, Susan Rash, Rebecca Lovett, Andrea Everitt, Tanya Smith, and Stacy Cody dance the night away at the MGM Blast Off Party. (What dance does all of the stretched-out arm movements come from, thought?!)

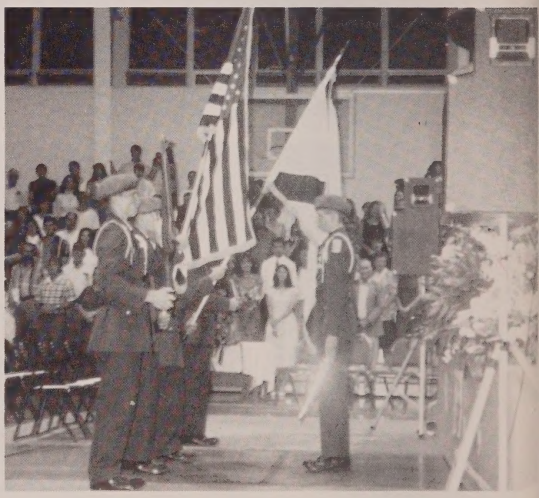
Graduation '97

The Senior class: a group of not only classmates, but also friends. A bond of love has formed among them as is shown in the picture where they pose after Baccalaureate.

Gabe Brewer is in deep meditation. He is thinking about all the new changes he will be facing in the next phase of his life.



(Above) Some of the seniors graduating with high honors receive their recognition for keeping a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and to receive any scholarships that they earned. After coming off stage they line up in front for pictures.

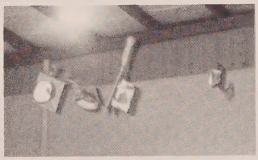


(Right) The Vernon High School JROTC present the colors at graduation. After posting the colors, they salute the flag before retreating outside.

(Left) Crystal Ward and Aimee Reupke give a good-bye hug, neither one sure of where their future will lead them, but both sure that their friendship will last through it all.

(Left) James Odom, Valedictorian, delivers the commencement speech. He has put in many hours of studying and doing his homework. This hard work and dedication place him first in the class.

(Below) Tamika Edwards and Letisha Andrews sing the class song beautifully. With R. Kelly in the background "I Believe I Can Fly" never sounded so good.



(Above) Superintendent of Washington County Schools, Mr. Tyre, tells the graduating seniors to turn their tassels, after which they send the caps flying.

(Left) The 1997 graduating class sits in anticipation of being handed their diploma. Many hours, years, and tears have led up to this moment. One can tell by the expressions on their faces that they don't know whether to smile or cry.

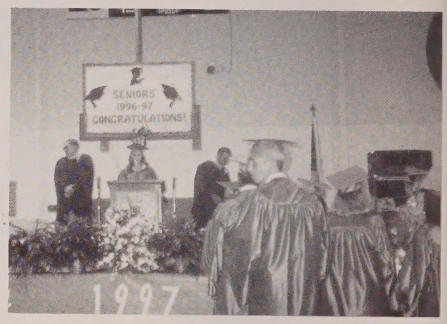
Scenes from Graduation

Angela Folmar accepts her diploma from Superintendent Mr. Tyre.

Chad Gainey holds his niece and smiles in celebration after the graduation ceremony.

Seniors stand, preparing to take their turn walking up to the podium to receive their diplomas.

Far right, Aimee Reupke stands front and center to lead the class and the audience in singing the alma mater.



"I've been going to school at Vernon all my life!"
13-Year Students

VHS graduates who have attended school at Vernon from kindergarten through twelfth grade are (front front to back) Shameka Pittman, Alite Jackson, Charity White, Rebecca Lovett, Susan Rash, Katresa Roberts, Randall Jackson, Tremaine Jackson, Tamika Edwards, Comanesa Peterson, Anthony Brown, Desmond Davis, Martha Newsome, Louie Fromm, Crystal Ward, Patrice Roberts, Letisha Andrews, James Odom, Gabe Brewer, Ariane Andrews, and Stacy Cody.

Organizations

VERNON HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL

The members of Vernon High Student Council are from front to back: Jennifer Evans, Vanessa Miyazato, Celesica Howell, Farrah Ridgeway, Andrea Everitt, Jonathan Willoughby, Amy Reupke, Angela Sapp, Gena DeRico, Donavan Duty, Tonya Johns, Peter Courtney, Heather Worthington, Misty Burch, Kristal Shelly, Shelese Hammack, Konstance Sheffield, Richard Day, Charles Suggs, Don Finch, Jessica Rogers, Marie Boyce, Valarie Brown, Justin Green, Michael Cooper, Larry Brasher, Tray Hawkins, Kenny Anderson, Waylan Yates, Matt Hall, and Kenji Andrews

VERNON HIGH BIBLE CLUB

The members of the Bible Club are from left to right: Jennifer Evans, Samantha Cook, Johnathan Willoughby, Jeremy Sapp, Tammie Morris, Gary Brock, John Mark Willoughby, Dawn Finch, Angela Borrell, Misty Lemire, Josh Wagner, Travis Brock, Angie Sapp, Kimberly Owens, Emily Parish, and Brandy Mercer.

Student Council

Left:: The Student Council officers are President: Charity White,Vice-President: Mellissa Tharp, Secretary/Treasurer: Angie Sapp, Chaplain: Tonya Johns, and Reporter: Yolanda Johns.

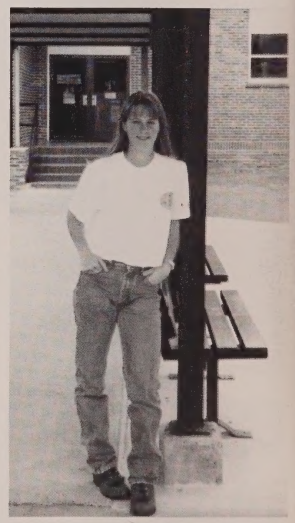
Bible Club

Left: Mrs. Smith, the sponsor of Bible Club, has worked hard this year to have the Bible Club make a difference at Vernon High School.

Above: The Bible Club officers are President: Jonathan Willoughby, Vice-President: Jeremy Sapp, Secretary: Jennifer Evans, and Treasurer: Samantha Cook.

FUTURE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA

The members of Future Educators of America are from left to right: Molly Carter, Misty Burch, Lacey Tison, Heather Worthington, Tray Hawkins, Peter Courtney, Olen Pettis, Mandi Davidson, Alite Jackson, Will Smith, Misty Lemire, Stephanie Walsingham, Tamika Edwards, Andrea Everitt, Jonathan Willoughby, Celesica Howell, Tiffany Pettis, Rory Peterson, Juadon Smith, Patrice Roberts, Aimee Reupke, Angela Borrell, Letisha Andrews, Katresa Roberts, Comanesa Peterson, Jennifer Evans, Gena DeRico, Stacy Cody, and Jeff Ekstrom.



Above: The Kindergarten children become very excited as Santa Claus comes around and shakes each of their hands.

Right: Susan Rash is this year's FEA president. She worked hard on various projects in FEA including parties for Merida's Play World and elementary school students.

KEY CLUB

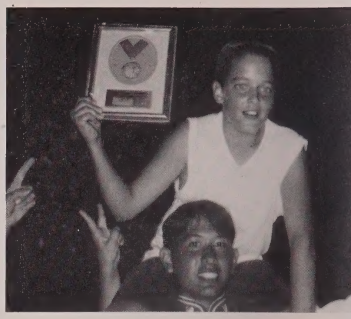
The members of Key Club are from left to right: Tray Hawkins, Matt Hall, Molly Carter, Samantha Cook, Peter Courtney, Leah Buswell, Denna Mueller, Misty Burch, Heather Worthington, Josh Wagner, Tiffany Pettis, Andrea Everitt, Jonathan Willoughby, Celesica Howell, Tammie Morris, Angela Borrell, and Jennifer Evans.

Key Club Officers are Treasurer: Leah Buswell, Vice-Presdent: Misty Burch, Secretary: Tammie Morris, and President: Angela Borrell.

Band

The band has done many things this year. They traveled to the Seafood Festival and received the following ratings: Excellent Percussion, Superior Drum Major, Superior Band Ratings. The woodwind section received best in the class award and the band won the Bronze Division - the best in Class.

The band also went to the District FBA Marching Festival and scored straight superior ratings.



At top left: Jessica Smith is thinking of her next move. Twirl that flag Jessica!

Top right: Philip Brown and Louie Fromm show off their award for straight superior ratings at the District FBA Marching Festival.

At right: Dawn Bullivant is concentrating on playing her saxophone.

Far right and at bottom: The band practices after school for upcoming events.

TAKE IT FROM THE TOP

Band: Jennifer Folmar

The clarinet section of the band: Ashley Skinner, Sondra Williams, Molly Carter, Louie Fromm, Teresa Schultz, Jennifer Story, Andy Odom, and Ashley Smith.

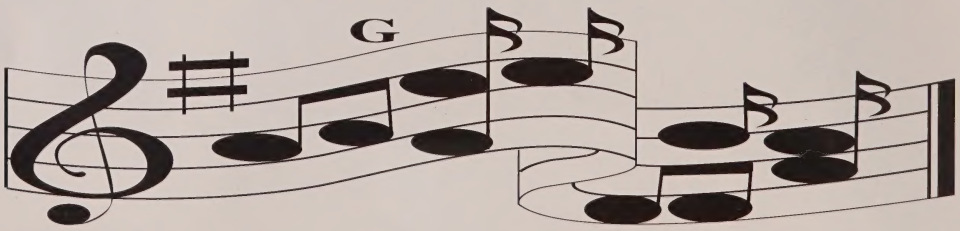
The color guard members: Jessica Smith, Tonya Johns, Katherine Harcus, Jennifer Ward, Amanda Pennington, and Becky Thomas.

The trumpet section of the band: Justin King, Misty Burch, Jonah Worthington, and Matthew Brown.

The senior band members: Jennifer Evans, Tammie Morris, David Cheverie, Dawn Bullivant, and Louie Fromm.

The band's low brass section: Kevin Cheverie, Yolanda Johns, Mellissa Tharp, Jennifer Evans, Adam Shelley, Gary Brock, and Steven Childs.

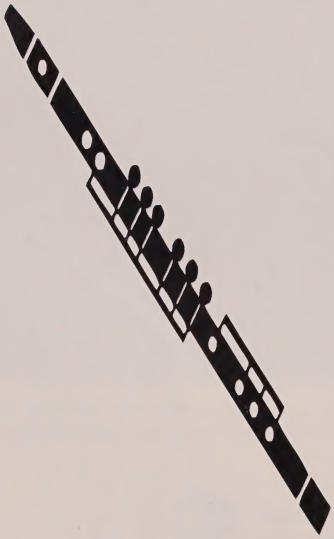
The percussion section of the band: Jessica Jasso, Jonathan Story, Jake Rutherford, and Earl Evans.



PRIDE OF VERNON
VERNON HIGH SCHOOL

Angie Sapp is the band's Drum Major.

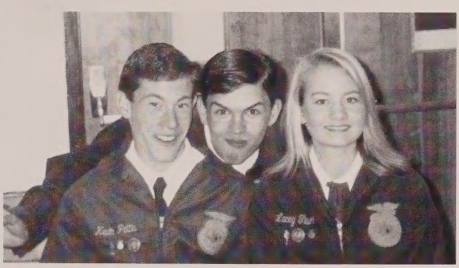
The piccolo section of the band: Regina Page, Tammie Morris, Kim Owens, Samantha Cook, and Martha Alford.



The alto saxophones and french horn section: David Cheverie, Thomas Broxton, Tori Simmons, Michael Childs, Daryl Morris, Philip Brown, Amy Boyce, Dawn Bullivant, and Bobbie Pilgrim.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

FFA members are from back to front; left to right: Jonathan Cook, Jason Cates, Josh Wagner, Lee Duke, Jesse English, Cal Thompson, Samuel Roche, Jeremy Pelfrey, Olen Pettis, Tray Hawkins, Waylon Yates, Richard Duggar, Jake Miller, Jason Suits, Ricky Pitts, Brent Gainey, Andy White, Dallas Emanuel, Emily Parish, Chad Joyner, Jason Rogers, Martha Alford, Grace Ellis, Heather Worthington, Peter Courtney, Jeremy Sapp, Brandon Brown, sponsor Hiram Tison, Erica Johnson, Tiffany Pettis, Lacey Tison, Jackie Cargo, Heather Vickers, Stephanie Walsingham, Shane Whitaker and J.R. Williamson.



Olen Pettis, Chad Gainey and Lacey Tison pause for a quick picture at Area One Leadership Training at Chipola Junior College.

The FFA officers are: Jason Rogers - president; Lacey Tison - secretary; Chad Gainey - sentinel; Olen Pettis - parliamentarian; Heather Worthington - vice president; Tiffany Pettis - treasurer; and Jeremy Sapp - reporter. (Not pictured is Jeff Riley - chaplain.)

Left, Jeff Riley and Jason Rogers clown around at an FFA meeting. Above, Jeremy Sapp, Jason Rogers, Jeff Riley, Olen Pettis, and their sponsor Hiram Tison. These students participated in the National FFA Convention held in Kansas City, Missouri.

FFA: Jennifer Folmar

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The members of the FCA are from back to front, left to right: Tray Hawkins, Travis Brock, Matt Sciolino, Leah Buswell, Will Smith, John Mark Willoughby, Carly Moore, Andrea Everitt, Jonathan Willoughby, Matt Hall, Alite Jackson, Rory Peterson, Jeff Ekstrom, Danielle Delano, Angela Borrell, Amber Bennett, Celesica Howell, Tiffany Pettis, Heather Worthington, Jessica Rogers, Josh Wagner, sponsor Kim Register, Donavan Duty, Tonya Johns, Yolanda Johns, Farrah Ridgeway, Heather Vickers, Samantha Cook, and Marla Harrell.

Future Business Leaders of America

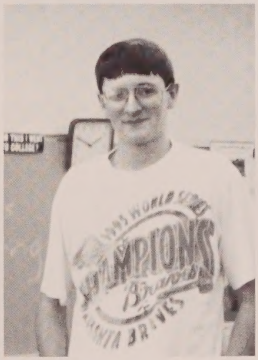
The Future Business Leaders of America officers are President –Lena Green; Vice-president–Justin Green; Secretary/Treasurer–Farrah Ridgeway; Reporter–Vanessa Miyazato and Historian–Konstance Sheffield. (Not pictured is Parliamentarian–Jeff Riley.)

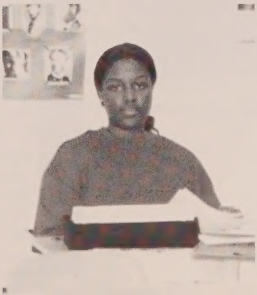
The members of the FBLA are from back to front, left to right: Jackie Andrews, LaToya Reed, Kenny Anderson, Kozmas Smith, Rory Peterson, Angela Haynes, Aysha Coleman, Konstance Sheffield, Tomika Jackson, Justin Green, Terron Peterson, Katresa Roberts, Lena Green, Jennifer Rodriguez, Alicia Jackson, Charity White, Patrice Roberts, Vanessa Miyazato, Alite Jackson, Waukesha Peterson, Marie Boyce, and Farrah Ridgeway.

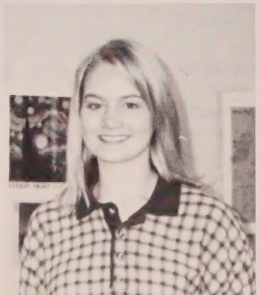
Journalism Staff

The journalism staff works long and hard putting together a school newspaper and they publish a yearbook each year. Everyone has done their very best to give you the best.They were creative and very dedicated. Everyone did a very good job!

The Journalism staff consists of newspaper co-editor senior Vanessa Miyazato, Editor- in -chief senior Andrea Everitt, junior Leah Buswell, seniors Jennifer Folmar, Angela Folmar, and Angela Borrell, sophomores Jesse English and Peter Courtney, juniors Rachel Morrison and Heather Worthington, sophomores Lacey Tison, Sherena Siples, Waukesha Peterson, and Justin Green.



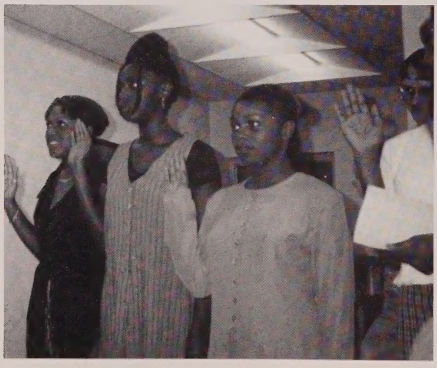




Beta Club

Beta Club members are fromback to front, left to right: Leah Buswell, Jesse English, Matt Sciolino, Jackie Paprzycki, Kenji Andrews, Carly Moore, Danielle Delano, Alicia Jackson, Daniel Mueller, Jeff Nunnery, John Mark Willoughby,Misty Lemire,Angie Sapp, Lacey Tison, Ariane Andrews, Misty Burch, Crystal Ward, Will Smith, Molly Carter, Andrea Everitt, Samantha Cook, Denna Mueller, Sherena Siples, Konstance Sheffield, Peter Courtney, Heather Worthington, Jeremy Sapp, Patrice Roberts, Jennifer Folmar, Shameka Brown, Katresa Roberts, Tammie Morris, Jennifer Evans, Letisha Andrews, Vanessa Miyazato, Farrah Ridgeway, Waukesha Peterson, Stacy Cody and Shanna Cook

The Beta Club Officers are Vice-President: Molly Carter, President: Jennifer Evans, and Treasurer: Shanna Cook. (Not pictured is Secretary: Leah Buswell.)



Here are a few students being inducted into the Beta Club.

The Beta Club sponsor is Mrs. Sabra Shores.

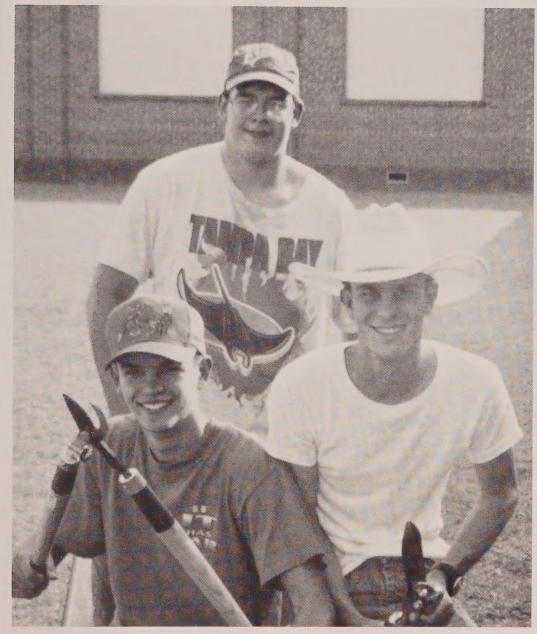
"**Leah Buswell**–Well, being a secretary for such an honorary club I feel privileged.

Andrea Everitt–This year was an extremely special year for me being a senior in Beta Club. I had a lot of fun with the community and school activities Beta Club organized.

Lacey Tison–This was my first year as a member of Beta Club. I enjoyed it immensely and anticipate another exciting year.

At the Beta Club induction the officers presented keys that represented the club members. The five keys are Leadership, Character, Community Service, and Achievement.

ACADEMICS



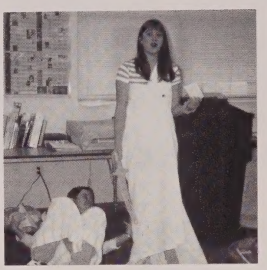
Above left: Chad Gainey, Jake Miller, and Brent Gainey take a break from trimming the bushes for Agriculture class. Back to work!

Above: Mr. Brock models the latest fashion for his Principles of Technology class.

Left: As hard as she may try, Mrs. Tison cannot escape from Tray Hawkins. Lucky for him, she's a very patient person!

CLASS PROJECTS

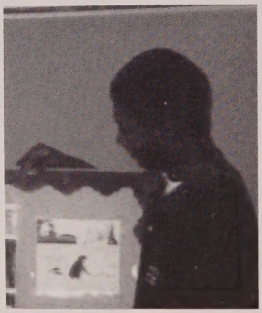
"Class projects are a nice break from the norm. Students who have creative tendencies have an opportunity to reveal their talents. Plus the projects make my room & the hall look better." -Mrs. Bush



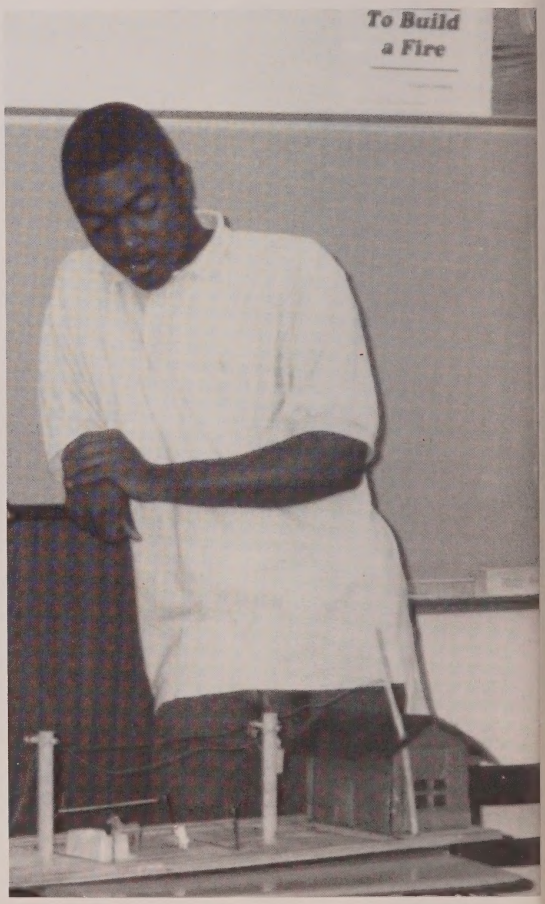
Carly Moore defeats Danielle Delano with her plastic sword in a scene from *Julius Ceasar*. Students from Mrs. Bush's 10th grade Honors English class participated in The Feast of Lupercal.

Every once in a while, some teachers get a little tired of teaching the old fashioned way of the book, and decide to make things really interesting by doing a class project. This year Mrs. Bush, Mrs.Shores, and Mr. Brown participated in this idea. Mrs Bush's sophomores performed at the Feast of Lupercal, while her seniors dressed up and brought food for their Canturbury Feast. Mrs. Shores' Honors class presented information to the class about great literary works. Mr Brown's classes held a Mock Trial competition in the library in which his students got a feel for the legal process.

Above: Jackie Papryzcki, as Portia, expresses her devotion to Peter Courtney, as Brutus, during their performance of a scene from the play *Julius Caesar*.



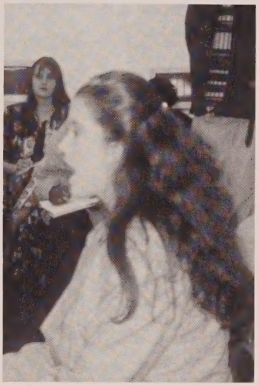
Right: Rory Peterson shows off his project to Mrs. Shores' fourth period English class. It represents one of the great literary works.



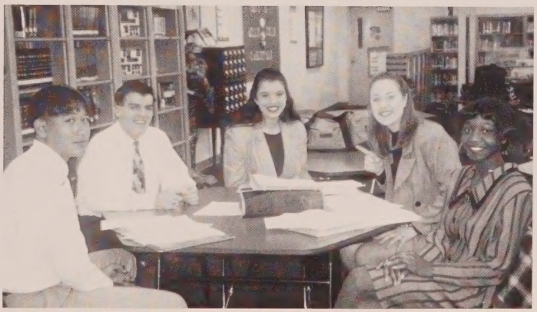
Right: Juadon Smith tries not to fall asleep while presenting his English project. If the presenter fell asleep, I wonder what the rest of the class looked like?

Left: Stephanie Cates and Rebecca Lovett represent two characters from *The Canterbury Tales*. Mrs. Bush's senior English classes dress up as characters from the famous tale.

Below: Witness Mellissa Tharpe testifies for the judge in the Mock Trial competition. The competition is held in the library by Mr. Brown's American government class.



Left: Madeline Rodriguez and Comanesa Peterson really enjoy the food that their second period class brought for The Canterbury Feast Day. They do a good job of demonstrating how people in the Middle Ages ate with their hands!



Above: Louie Fromm, Jonathan Willoughby, Mellissa Tharpe, Andrea Everitt, and Patrice Roberts take a break from the Mock Trial competition. It looks as though Andrea thinks Jonathan's guilty.

ON THE MARCH. Here is Command Sergeant Major Louie Fromm as he leads the ROTC in the '96 Homecoming Parade.

Sergeant Tonya Johns takes her ROTC duties seriously, but still takes time out of her busy schedule to smile prettily for the camera every now and then.

First Period

Kneeling: Kristi Edwards, Jessica Rogers, Victor Baker, Alexander Jackson. Standing: Kevin Cheverie, Richard Dugger, Jason Suits, Amy Boyce, Matthew Phillips, and Daniel Mueller.

Second Period

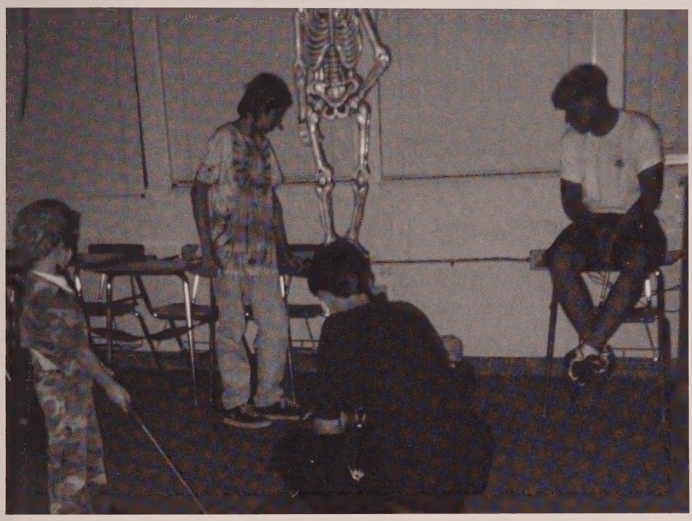
Kneeling: Barry Thurlow, Theresa Schulz, Michael Childs, Lori Creel, Karen Clark, David Cheverie. Standing: Raywat Ray, Matt Sciolino, Louie Fromm, Dallas Emanuel, Stacia Pettis, Dawn Bullivant, and Bobbie Jo Pilgrim.

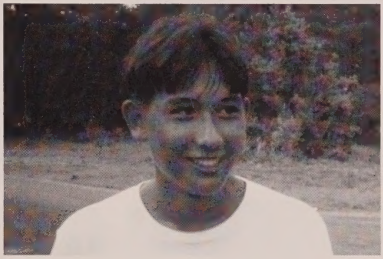
Fourth

Front Row: Tonya ard, Grace Ellis, Lilly Lee. Back Row: Jake Miller, John Lively,

JROTC

In their fourth year of JROTC, the members have been busier than ever. They posted the colors at football games, softball games, and at graduation. They toured many different facilities and sponsored several activities, such as Boy Scout Marksmanship Training and the Holiday Canned Food Drive. In May, a team participated in the Relay for Life cancer walk, then it was on to Camp Blanding for their summer camp. All in all it was a great year of hard work, dedication, and fun.





Louie Fromm looks tired after a long day at ROTC summer camp.

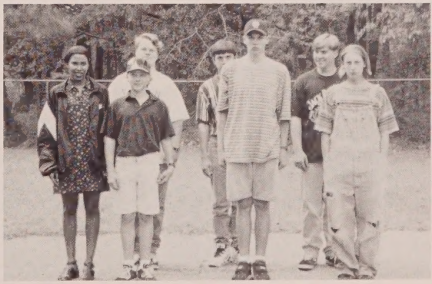
From left: Larry Pyne, Jake Rutherford, and Louie Fromm get to interact with costumed children at the '96 Trick or Treat Street.

Period

Johns, Pamela How-Newsome, Chrissy Rutherford, Jake and Travis Brock.

Fifth Period

Stephanie Ward, Marty Moore, Jennifer Finch, Ron Mills, C.C Linton, Rick Pitts, Jonah Worthington, Jennifer Story, Clint Gainey, Christon Birge, and Earl Evans.

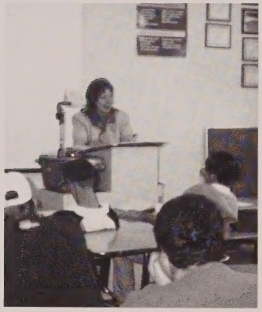


Sixth Period

Front Row: Vicki Potter, Raymond Sheffield, Jamie Haskins, Marcus Finch. Back Row: Jeff Newsome, Sam Guinn, and Brian Nichols.

Chad Joyner, Brandon Brown, Andy White, Jake Miller, Tray Hawkins, Samuel Roche, Olen Pettis, Chad Gainey, and Lee Duke pause a moment from their hard work in Agriculture class.

Anthony Brown gets help on a mind-boggling question from Tremaine Jackson and Comanesa Peterson . Looks like Mrs. Bush is really working them hard.

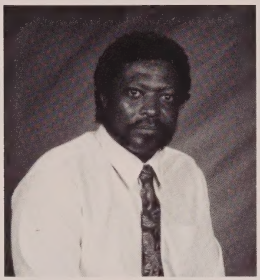


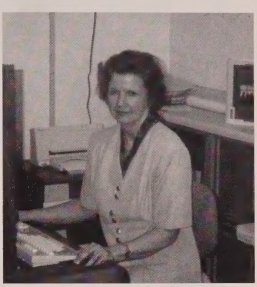
Mrs. Cook looks much too happy to be at school. I guess she just remembered that it was the end of the day, and she was about to go home.

Tamika Edwards, Molly Carter, Jennifer Evans, Andrea Everitt, Shanna Cook, Will Smith, Charity White, Patrice Roberts, and Jeff Ekstrom look just a little stressed out after attending the Chipola Literature-Language Arts Festival.

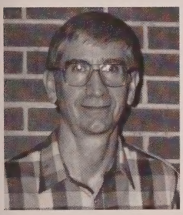
All Eyes on Us

Faculty and Administration





Left: Principal Howard Riley taught at Vernon before becoming Assistant Principal in 1982. In 1995 he became Principal. Above: Robert Maldon also was a teacher here before becoming Assistant Principal two years ago. Above Right: Willie Mae Cook has been Vernon's Guidance Counselor for seven years.



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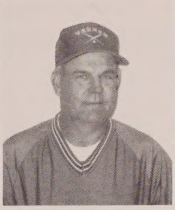
VMS Soc. Studies/Art

Peggy Adams
Social Studies



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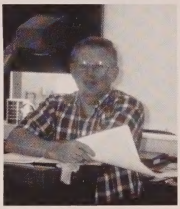
Merle Bonner
Science

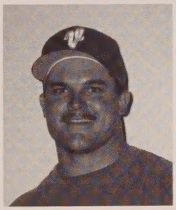
George Bradford
JROTC



Michael Brock
Science

Charles Brown
History

Priscilla Brown
I.S.S.



Matt Brunson
P.E.

Sally Bush
English/Journalism

Mary Cholerton
7th grade English

Freida Cook
VMS Math

Sandra Cook
Math

Bobbie Dawson
Business

Joyce Dorch
Bookkeeper

Erika Dotson
Media Specialist

Linda Faison
L.D.

Norma Frost
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Brad Hall
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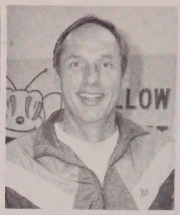
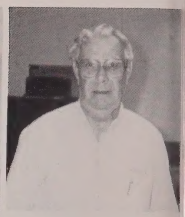
Shirley Haviland
VMS Secretary



Greg Kuneman
JROTC



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Heather Miller
VMS Guidance
Counselor

Betty Nichols
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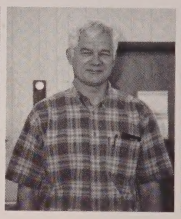
Greg Patterson
English

Buddy Pennington
Spanish, Drama



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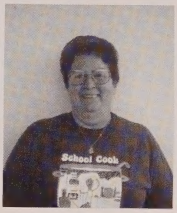

Earlene Register
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Kim Register
LMS, P.E.

Marie Register
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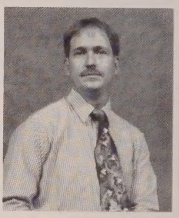
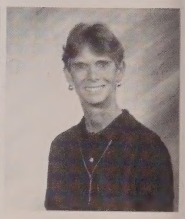


James Seaboch
Band



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Sabra Shores
English

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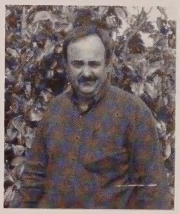
VMS Aide

Tammy Smith
Math



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Judy Tison
VHS Secretary

Aaron Todd
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Jerry Tyre
History

Linda Tyre
8th grade English

Kathy Walsingham
Math

Carolyn Willoughby
Substitute Teacher

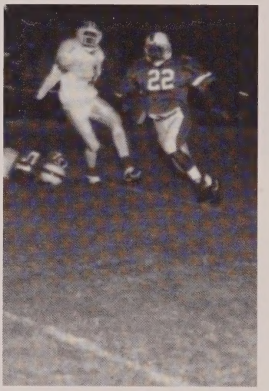
Vicky Yates
E.S.E.

SPORTS

The World of SPORTS

Tremaine Jackson stuns a Cottondale Hornet by running by at lightning speed to score a Yellow Jacket touchdown !!!

Terrence Scott dodges enemy Hornets to ensure that Cottondale does not gain more yardage.

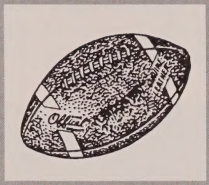


PLAY STOPS as Coach Mac Alford gives a pep talk to the varsity football team. The Yellow Jackets are getting pepped up to go out and win the game !!

VHS FOOTBALL

Go Yellow Jackets

#8 Jason Rhoton catches a pass that was attempted to be intercepted by a Cottondale Hornet.



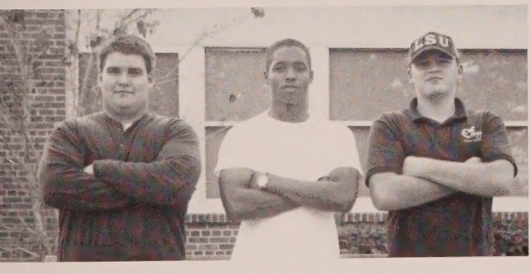
The year in VHS Varsity Football

SCORES

	US	Them
Carabelle	6	13
Jay	30	33
Graceville	0	27
Q.Monroe	27	42
Chattahoochee	0	34
Trinity	0	54
Apalachicola	7	20
Freeport	13	42
Cottondale	6	34

Although the scores do not reflect a winning season, this year's varsity football team played hard and kept up a positive, optimistic attitude. Great going, guys !!!

Here, a host of Yellow Jackets bring down a Hornet during Vernon's annual Homecoming game.

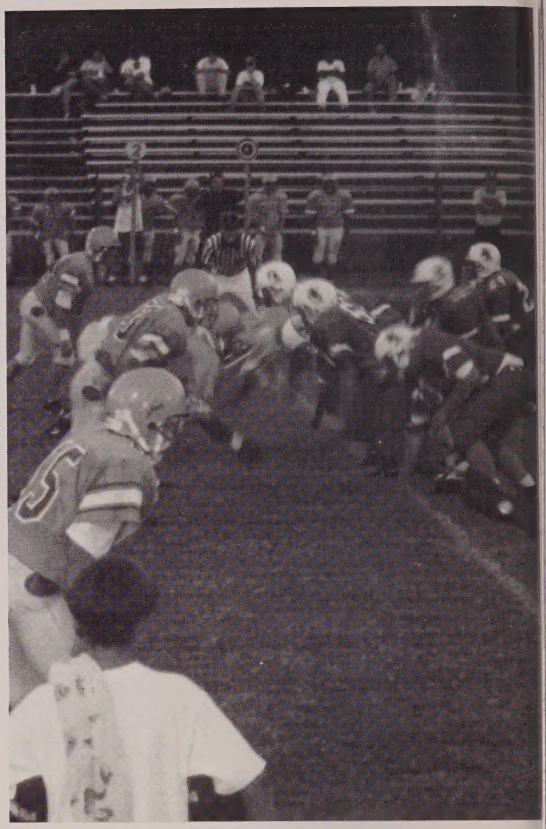


(Left to right) Tray Hawkins, Tremaine Jackson, and Gabe Brewer are three players selected from Vernon High School named on the Holmes County Times-Washington County News All Tri-County Football Team. Twenty four players from teams in the Times and News coverage areas were chosen to the team.

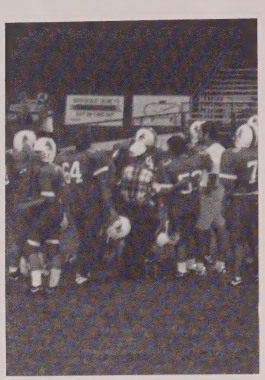
VHS Varsity team (standing) Coach Mac Alford, Jeremy Hallock, Jonathan Willoughby, Matt Hall, Tray Hawkins, Jason Rhoton, Gabriel Brewer, Lee Duke, Kenneth Anderson, Coach Merle Bonner, (kneeling) Tremaine Jackson, Charles Suggs, Jeff Ekstrom, Hezekiah Adams, Ryan Hammock, Josh Wagner, Terrence Scott.

FOOTBALL JV

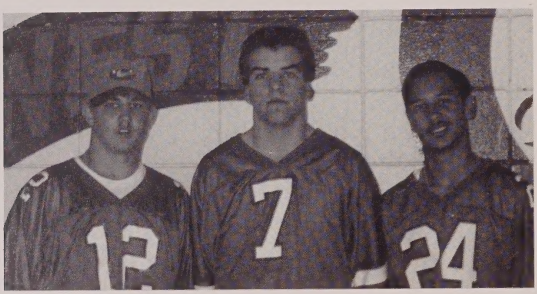
The JV Yellow Jackets are ready to sting those Apalachicola Sharks and win the game!!



The team gets a pep talk from Coach Charles Brown in between game play.



This year's J.V. Football captains are #12 Matt Sciolino, #7 John Mark Willoughby, #24 Raywat Ray.



Vernon Junior Varsity team Front row (left to right) R. Robinson, S. Evans, C. Gainey, C. Birge, D. Castells, A. Jackson, R. Ray, C. Naylor, J. Lively. Back row (left to right) J. Newsome, M. Hightower, E. Brown, D. Paffos, A. Jasso, T. Brock, R. Pitts, J.M. Willoughby, M. Sciolino, M. Young

The Scoreboard

	US	Them
Apalachicola	14	8
Chipley	20	8
Cottondale	14	0
Bonifay	6	26
Chipley	24	26
Apalachicola	6	28

WINS	LOSSES
3	3

VHS Junior Varsity Volleyball

Cassandra Nettles, Marla Harrell, and Candice Kirk wait patiently for their opponent's serve to cross their path.

For the Record

Freeport	Win
Marianna	Loss
Bonifay	Win
Rutherford	Loss
Bay	Win
Blountstown	Loss
Jay	Loss
Marianna	Loss
Chipley	Loss
Bonifay	Win
Bay	Win
Mosley	Loss
Freeport	Win
Walton	Win
Cottondale	Win
Mosley	Loss
Blountstown	Loss
Chipley	Loss

"This year was my first year playing. I think our team did rather well for a lot of us to be first year players. The season was very fun. We had a good season and we had a great coach."-Marla Harrell

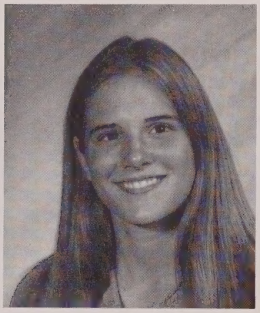
JV Volleyball players Front row: Sabrina Gill, Amber Bennett, Donovan Duty Back row: Lena Green, Cassandra Nettles, Kristen Lovett, Marla Harrell, Coach Kim Register

Left, the team gets together for a victory cheer during a timeout. Above, Donovan Duty sets up the volleyball as Marla gets ready to jump and spike!

Senior volleyball players (left to right) Susan Rash, Alite Jackson, Tamika Edwards, Andrea Everitt, Patrice Roberts, Comanesa Peterson and Katresa Roberts

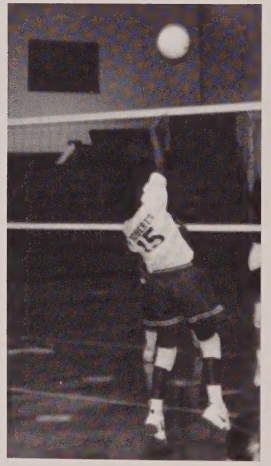
Susan Rash sets up the ball so Leah can ATTACK!!!

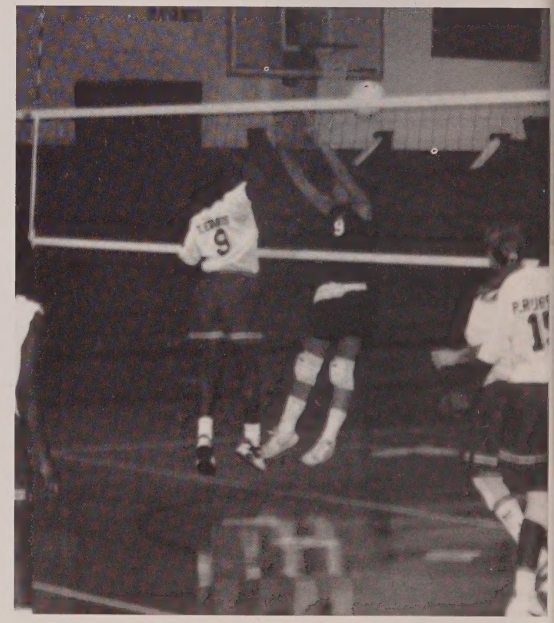
"Our unity as a team is what made us so good. There was a lot of talent on the court when we played. I'm definitely going to miss all the seniors that played."
- Leah Buswell



Coach Register and her daughter, Lauren, put on beautiful smiles for the camera. Shouldn't you be watching your players, Mrs. Register?

Patrice hits the ball over to flatten those little girls from Walton.





Tamika spikes the volleyball with all her strength and might. You might want to get your hand out of the net!

Susan, Patrice, Tamika, and Leah on defense are ready to assault the other team.

The Year In VOLLEYBALL

This is how varsity stood at the end of the season:

The girls' varsity volleyball team finished their '96 season with a record of 16-15. This record includes their playoff games. They played 31 matches and 76 games this season.

second in Conference

second in District

runners-up in Regional Quarterfinals against Greensboro

This year's varsity volleyball team Front row: Katresa Roberts, Susan Rash, Ashley Zurica, Patrice Roberts. Back row: Tamika Edwards, Leah Buswell, Andrea Everitt, Tracey Edwards, Comanesa Peterson, Coach Kim Register

Varsity Volleyball

Freeport	W
Marianna	L
Bonifay	W
Rutherford	L
Bay High	W
Blountstown	L
Walton	W
Jay	W, L
Marianna	L
Central	L, L
Pensacola Christian	W, W
Chipley	L
Bonifay	W
Bay High	L
Mosley	L
Freeport	W
Walton	W
Cottondale	W, W
Mosley	L
Blountstown	L
Chipley	W

Juadon Smith easily walks by the enemy players, who are inevitably unprepared, for a lay-up and two points.

The camera spies Jason Rhoton dribbling the ball down court in Vernon's Regional Tournament game against Wewahitchka.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

Vernon Yellow Jackets won more games (24-12) during the 1996-97 season than any other Jacket team in the past 13 years (26-4) in (1983-84).

Although they weren't very big in stature (the tallest player was 6-1), they were very big in heart and determination. There was a goal set at going to the State Tournament. They came very close, but lost in the Regional finals to FAMU High (55-49).

VHS rode the shoulders of the leading scorer in the area (27 points per game), Senior Anthony Brown. He also set a new record: 51 points in a game.

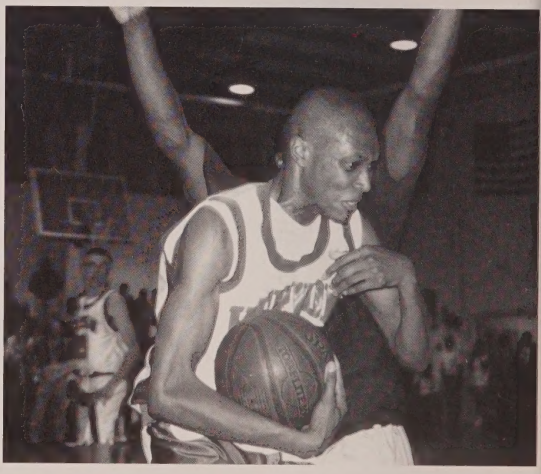
The highlights of the year for Coach Todd were:

winning the District Tournament

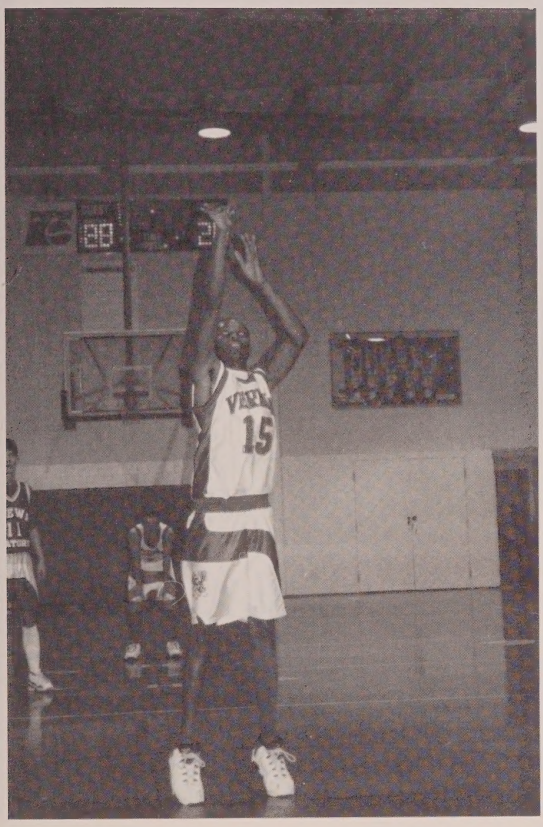
Regional Semi-Finals for the second year in a row

defeating Chipley twice, Bonifay twice, and Freeport 4 times

finishing 3rd out of 16 teams in the Walton Log Christmas Tournament and playing 6 games in 6 days.



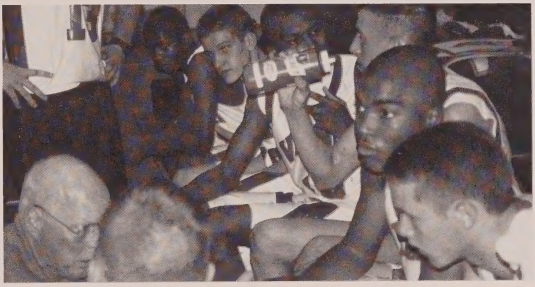
Only one word can describe Anthony's game-playing attitude: AGGRESSIVE!!



A disappointed Wewa Gator and Jeff Nunnery look on in the distance as Anthony lands a free throw shot to give the Yellow Jackets yet another point.

Elvis Brown tries to gain control of the jump ball to get Vernon an early lead in the game.

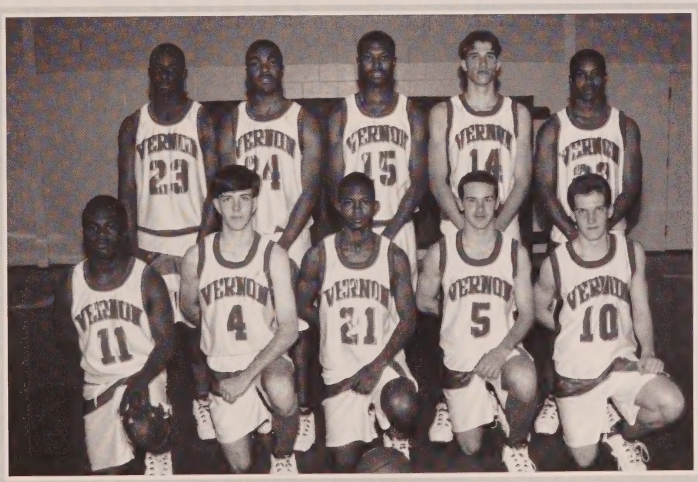
All the players listen on during a timeout as Coach Todd tells them what plays will work best against their competitor.



Us 62	Bay	53
Us 64	Chipley	65
Us 74	Wicksburg	30
Us 69	Greensboro	56
Us 66	Geneva Co.	61
Us 94	Pensacola Christian	47
Us 49	Jay	36
Us 62	Ponce de Leon	69
Us 90	Cottondale	48
Us 43	Walton	54
Us 49	Freeport	30
Us 48	Malone	74
Us 72	Chipley	45
Us 57	Quincy Shanks	63
Us 83	Cedar Bluff, AL	35
Us 53	Laurel Hill	51
Us 40	Oliver Springs	50
Us 70	Freeport	43
Us 47	Cottondale	41
Us 54	Blountstown	64
Us 47	Graceville	42
Us 72	Chipley	77
Us 76	Bonifay	63
Us 73	Ponce de Leon	76
Us 60	Walton	45
Us 55	Graceville	62
Us 48	Blountstown	55
Us 52	Chipley	39
Us 72	Central	45
Us 46	Bloutstown	44
Us 67	Bonifay	63
Us 68	Freeport	49
Us 50	Central	44
Us 46	Graceville	31
Us 48	Wewahitchka	46
Us 49	FAMU High	55

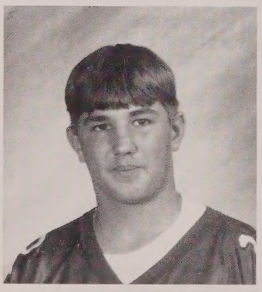
IT + ALL + ADDS = UP

WINS	LOSSES
24	12



Varsity Boys' Basketball Team Front row: Shannon Hogans, Philip Stoker, Rory Peterson, Jeff Nunnery, Jonas Vencius; back row: Elvis Brown, Juadon Smith, Anthony Brown, Will Smith, Tremaine Jackson.

Justin Green and Raywat Ray await the rebound since they know that the Graceville shot won't be getting into the basket.



"Our record was not the greatest, but I think we learned a lot. I had a great time playing basketball and getting along with the other teammates."- Matt Sciolino, sophomore

J.V. Boys' Basketball Team Kneeling: Matt Sciolino, Raywat Ray, Jamaal Brown, Brent Potter, Fredrick Brown; standing: Jeremy Pelfrey, Kozmas Smith, Brennis Smith, Justin Green, Alzado Brown, Devin Lee.

Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball

Devin Lee releases the ball at the free throw line to widen Vernon's lead over the Graceville Tigers by a point.

THE SCOREBOARD

			VHS
12-7	PONCE DE LEON	56	54
12-9	PENSACOLA C.	49	47
12-10	COTTONDALE	51	40
12-13	WALTON	39	48
12-14	FREEPORT	52	24
1-3	COTTONDALE	37	26
1-4	BLOUNTSTOWN	58	52
1-7	GRACEVILLE	42	48
1-10	CHIPLEY	41	43
1-14	BONIFAY	40	41
1-17	PONCE DE LEON	40	36
1-18	WALTON	56	29
1-21	GRACEVILLE	41	37
	Panhandle Area Conference		
	BLOUNTSTOWN	36	34
	BONIFAY	35	50
1-28	CHIPLEY	31	41
2-6	BLOUNTSTOWN	24	38
2-7	BONIFAY	40	50

Enemy Blue Devils are awestruck as they watch Donavan Duty dribble by at super speed.

Jennifer Rodriguez defends the ball for Vernon as a Lady Blue Devil tries to steal, but fails.

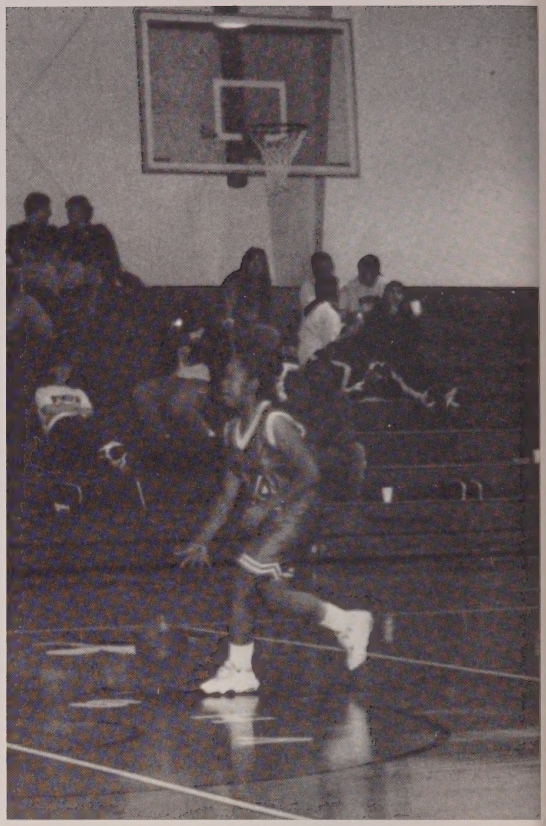
All players keep their eyes glued to the ball and await their chance to jump for the rebound.

Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball

J.V. Girls' Basketball team Kneeling: D. Duty, A, Hogans, J. Rodriguez, T. George; standing: S. Watkins, C. Nettles, W. Hernandez, V. Brown, T. Campbell, Coach Lynn Wayne Haddock.

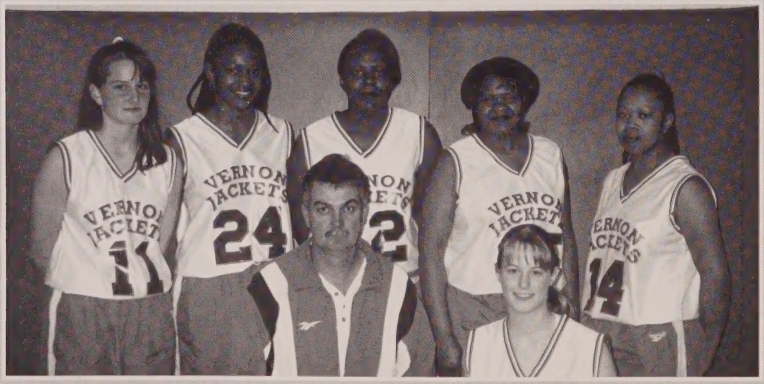
WHAT'S THE SCORE		Them	Us
11-21	Bonifay	26	30
11-22	Grand Ridge	14	40
11-25	Graceville	30	31
11-26	Bonifay	21	27
12-2	Chipley	36	24
12-5	Ponce de Leon	56	21
12-10	Marianna	24	31
12-13	Freeport	26	34
12-16	Chipley	42	24
12-17	Blountstown	19	29
12-19	Cottondale	12	22
1-7	Marianna	24	22
1-9	Ponce de Leon	42	16
1-16	Grand Ridge	28	35
1-17	Graceville	23	27
1-21	Bonifay	39	13
1-27	Cottondale	18	25
1-30	Freeport	39	18
2-6	Blountstown	32	28

Keiomi McDonald dribbles the ball down the court and prepares to go score more points for the Yellow Jackets.



An enemy Blue Devil is disappointed as Susan maneuvers herself past her block and shoots for two points.

Susan Rash dribbles past an enemy Blue Devil while Cassandra Nettles and Keiomi McDonald follow to help guard the ball.



Girls' Varsity Basketball Team Front row: Coach Earl Pettis, Susan Rash; back row: Marla Harrell, Cassandra Nettles, Quatika Brown, Alicia Jackson, Keiomi McDonald.

INSTANT Replay

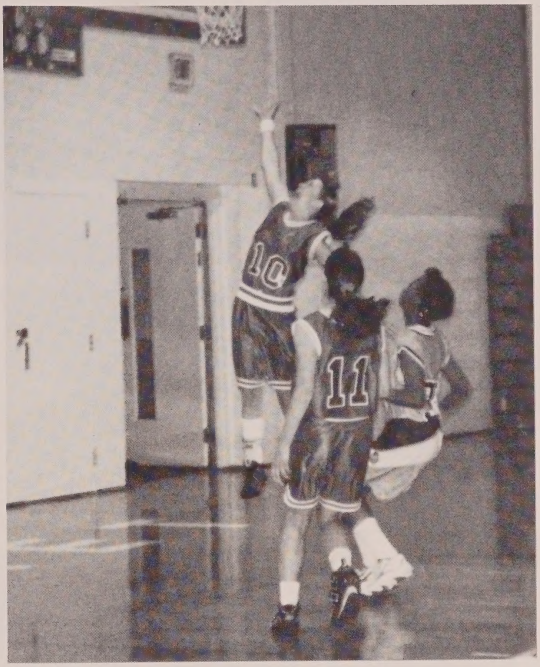
SCORES

Date	Team	Visitor	Home
11-21	Bonifay		60
11-22	Grand Ridge		33
11-25	Graceville		27
11-26	Bonifay		77
12-2	Chipley		42
12-5	Ponce de Leon		44
12-6	Jay		27
12-10	Marianna		54
12-13	Freeport		37
12-16	Chipley		73
12-17	Blountstown		47
12-19	Cottondale		49
1-7	Marianna		58
1-9	Ponce de Leon		52
1-16	Grand Ridge		70
1-17	Graceville		33
1-20	Blountstown		57
1-21	Graceville		36
1-27	Cottondale		59
1-30	Freeport		61
1-31	Central		44
2-6	Blountstown		57
2-10	Graceville		44

WINS	LOSSES
5	17

Susan Rash gets caught by the camera as she gets ready to pass the ball to a teammate.

Susan Rash hollers as she makes an easy lay-up for Vernon and gets the team two points.



All players are ready to catch the rebound so their team can gain possession of the basketball.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Vernon Yellow Jackets girls' basketball team wasn't that successful this year, but they played very hard. They ended the season with a record of 5-17.

The leading scorer was Susan Rash. The team will be losing Senior Susan Rash and she will be greatly missed.

Here are Susan Rash's thoughts on this year's season:

"It went good. We played well as a team.

The season was successful even though there weren't many games won. I'll miss playing and I hope that the program keeps building and more games will be won as years go by."

Say WHAT?

TRACK & FIELD

Samantha Cook looks out of breath as she finishes out her mile run in the lead.

Christon Birge enlarges the gap between himself and a competitor in an 800 meter heat in Freeport.

Will Smith is caught in mid-air as he finishes his fall in the high jump.

Keiomi McDonald runs with all she's got in this 100 meter heat in a Freeport meet.

Jeff Ekstrom catches the lead in the boys' mile match-up.

Boys' Track

Front row: Rick Buswell (mile), Philip Brown (mile), Rodney Robinson (800m, 4 X 800m relay), Clint Gainey (800m); back row: Jeff Ekstrom (mile, 800m, 4 X 800m relay), David Church (mile, 4 X 800m relay), Will Smith (high jump, 800m, 4 X 800m relay), Christon Birge (800m).

Will Smith is all by himself in the lead at the end of the 800 meter race.

Girls' Track

Front: Aimee Reupke (800m, 400m), Samantha Cook (mile); back row: Keiomi McDonald (100m, 200m), Misty Burch (400m), Denna Mueller (mile).

Misty Burch, on the verge of passing out, finishes up the 400 meter race in first place in Freeport.

1997 Track & Field team
Front row: Rick Buswell, Philip Brown, Keiomi McDonald, Aimee Reupke, Samantha Cook, Clint Gainey; back row: Denna Mueller, Jeff Ekstrom, Misty Burch, Rodney Robinson, Will Smith, Christon Birge, and David Church.

VARSITY BASEBALL

The Vernon High School varsity baseball team had an uneven year at 12-27. There was a lot of hard work and effort shown by the players as well as the coaches.

The team was able to play some out of town teams. The team will be losing five of their best players but hopefully will also be receiving new ones next year.

	Home			Visitor
February 22	5	Chipley		0
February 28	6	Samson		1
March 1	1	Samson		7
March 6	15	Graceville		20
March 10	2	Chipley		14
March 11	0	Cottondale		10
March 13	2	Freeport		1
March 17	5	Chipley		14
March 20	5\13	Milton Central	D.H.	7\2
March 22	9	Pensacola Christian		1
March 24	11	Ponce De Leon		5
March 25	9	Graceville		13
March 27	4\7	Jay	D.H.	6\6
March 31	6	North Hardin, Ky		3
April 1	7	Green Co., Ky		4
April 2	5	Taylor Co., Ky		7
April 7	18\11	Poplar Springs	D.H.	0\0
April 8	1	Freeport		3
April 14	6	Ponce De Leon		8
April 15	5	Cottondale		4
April 18	0\1	Bonifay		10\5
April 22	5	Blountstown		7

Pictured from the top: Senior Jonathan Willoughby prepares to bunt.

Kenny Earl Anderson is safe at first base, where he talks trash to the opposing team.

The 1997 varsity baseball team includes (kneeling) Matt Sciolino, Tremaine Jackson, Kenny Anderson, Chuck Suggs, Rory Peterson, (standing) Gabe Brewer, Tray Hawkins, Anthony Brown, Matt Hall, and Jonathan Willoughby.

First baseman Tray Hawkins gets the final out for the inning.

Below left, the team huddles to discuss strategy.

Below, Coach Mac Alford signals the runner, Matt Sciolino, to hold at third base.

Big man Tray Hawkins rounds first on his way to second, looking to the outfield to see how much running room he has.

Senior varsity teammates are (kneeling) Tremaine Jackson and Anthony Brown, (standing) Gabe Brewer, Tray Hawkins, and Jonathan Willoughby.

JUNIOR VARSITY

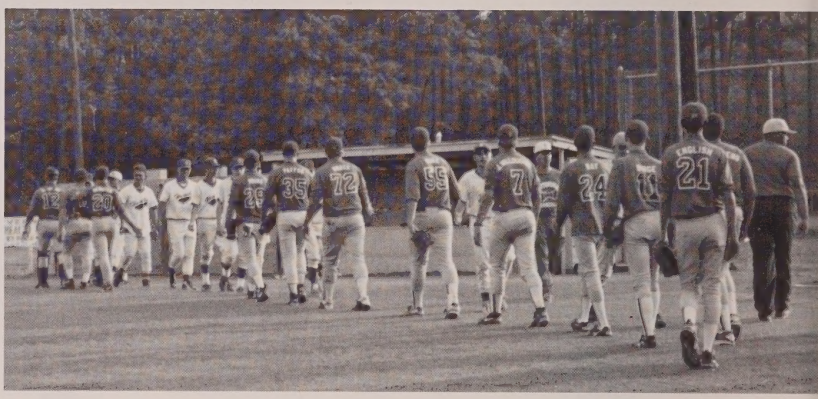
Softball & Baseball

Pitcher Samuel Roche lays low to the ground after throwing a fast ball turned strike.

Right, Lee Duke is anxious to catch the ball from Samuel Roche and get the hitter out. One down, two to go!!

Below right, Vernon's J.V. team lines up to shake hands with the opposing team and gets ready to go out and celebrate their victory against Cottondale.

Below, Jesse English manages to edge in on home plate and score a run for Vernon before Cottondale's catcher receives the ball.



Matt Sciolino is frozen at second base during timeout.

2-28	Samson, AL	W
3-1	Samson, AL	W
3-5	Cottondale	L
3-10	Chipley	L
3-13	Freeport	W
3-17	Chipley	L
3-19	Bloutstown	L
3-22	Pensacola Christian	W
3-26	Cottondale	W
3-31	Bonifay (Double Header)	L/W
4-4	Bonifay (Double Header)	L/L
4-8	Freeport	W

V.H.S. Junior Varsity baseball team: Front row-Christon Birge, Terron Peterson, Brent Potter, Montrez Lee, Samuel Roche; back row-Dylan Paffos, John Mark Willoughby, Lee Duke, Jesse English, Michael Young.

Left, Coach Hall watches the game and gets ready to give Amanda Johnson the signal to run home. Below, Sarah Pate knocks a fastball straight to centerfield.

Heather Vickers leads off, anxious to steal second base and Mrs. Brown looks on.

Donavan Duty releases a fast pitch that will be one strike against the batter.

V.H.S. Junior Varsity softball team: Front row-Jacqueline Cargo, Sarah Pate, Ashley Skinner, Stephanie Ward, Kristin Richard, Jennifer Rodriguez; back row-Amanda Johnson, Heather Vickers, Jessica Rogers, Kristen Lovett, Donavan Duty.

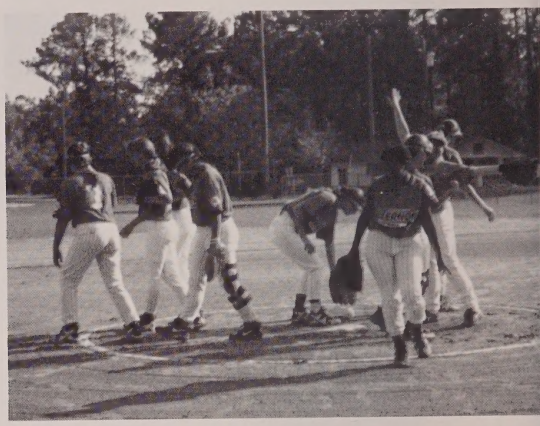
Sidelines

2-25	Graceville	W
3-3	Cottondale	W
3-6	Chipley	L
3-7	Liberty County	W
3-11	Bonifay	W
3-13	Freeport	W
3-24	Cottondale	W
3-25	Ponce de Leon	W
3-27	Walton Co.	W
3-31	Liberty Co.	W
4-1	Chipley	L
4-3	Ponce de Leon	W
4-15	Freeport	W
4-17	Graceville	W
4-22	Bonifay	W

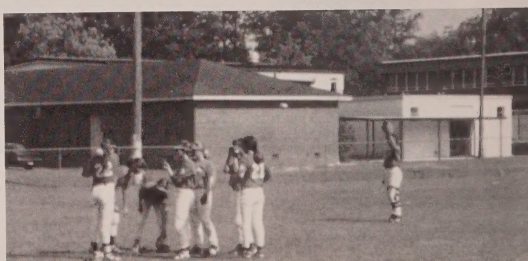
Kristin Richard catches a pop fly and throws it back to the pitcher.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Varsity softball players celebrate their win at the pitcher's mound.



Clockwise from above: After winning the game at home, the softball players shake hands with the opposing team. Tammie Morris, Coach Register, Susan Rash, and Rebecca Lovett seem well-pleased with their performance. Prior to a big game, softball players warm up in the outfield.



Ashley Zurica guards third base while Marla Harrell tags out the base runner.

Below left, pitcher Tammie Morris watches, knowing the pitch she's just thrown is a strike.

Below, the infield waits for the ball to be thrown from right field.

The 1997 varsity softball team consists of (kneeling) April Todd, Susan Rash, Ashley Zurica, Rebecca Lovett, Farrah Ridgeway, (standing) Angie Sapp, Tammie Morris, Leah Buswell, Marla Harrell, and Tiffany Pettis.

Varsity Cheer Leaders

'96-'97 Varsity Cheerleader *captain*: Aimee Reupke; *co-captain* Marie Boyce.

During a timeout, the cheerleaders pep up the crowd with their *"GO BIG BLUE"* cheer. Here's a chance to say "Go Cheerleaders !!"

1996-1997 VHS Cheerleading Squad: Shameka Brown, Wendi Wagner, Rebecca Lovett, Aimee Reupke, Tameka Edwards, Comanesa Peterson, Marie Boyce, Katresa Roberts, Alite Jackson, Heather Worthington, Patrice Roberts.

1996-1997 Senior Cheerleaders: Kneeling : Aimee Reupke, Rebecca Lovett; standing: Tamika Edwards, Comanesa Peterson, Wendi Wagner, Alite Jackson, Patrice Roberts, Katresa Roberts.

'96-'97 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders Front row: Lilly Newsome, Carly Moore; middle row: Jessica Rogers, Jennifer Rodriguez, Jennifer Cureton, Farrah Ridgeway, Rebecca Purvis; back row: Jacqueline Paprzycki, Dawn Finch, Jocelyn Green.

V.H.S.

J.V. Cheerleaders

At the *1996 Homecoming Pep Rally*, the V.H.S. band looks on as the Junior Varsity Cheerleaders perform a very difficult cheer with ease! Good job girls!

Look at all that Jacket Spirit. Doesn't it just make you want to join right in?

Jennifer Rodriguez, Jessica Rogers, Farrah Ridgeway, Jocelyn Green, and Dawn Finch do a stunt for the Vernon audience at a basketball game in Bonifay.

All Eyes on Us

Special Olympics

Coach Shawn Boyett, Coach/Teacher Vicky Yates, John Woods, Jamie Davis, and Philip Stoker gather around their trophy for third place in the Special Olympics Softball Tournament held at Vernon High School.

Below, a runner takes off from third, hoping to make it home safe.

Philip Stoker prepares to throw a strike.

Stephen DeRico rounds third on his way home.

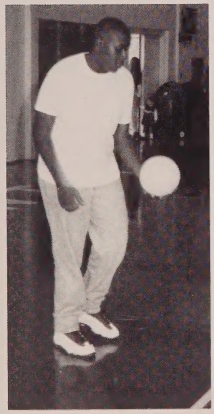
At right, Donnell Bell, Philip Stoker, Stephen DeRico, Kurt Moore, Byron Anglin, and Joshua Emmerick chill out while watching their teammates bat.

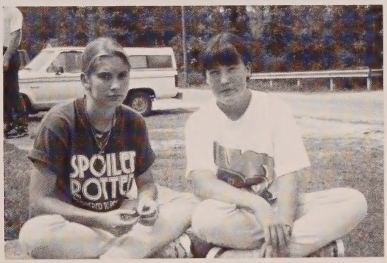
WAY
TO
GO
JACKETS !!

Underclassmen

of

NINETEEN Ninety Seven





Top left: Justin Green starts the student council volleyball game with a serve.

Top right: Leanne Strickland and Stephanie Ward express their enthusiasm to be at school

Center: Lilly Newsome gives the camera a piece of her mind.

Bottom left: Mindy Williams, Karen Clark, Danielle Delano, and Carly Moore show their often seen happy-go-lucky attitude.

Bottom right: Kristal Shelley in her "new" outfit , smiles for a snap shot.

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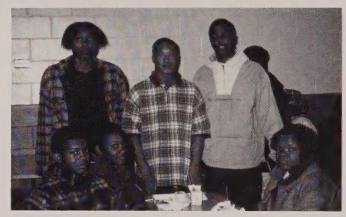
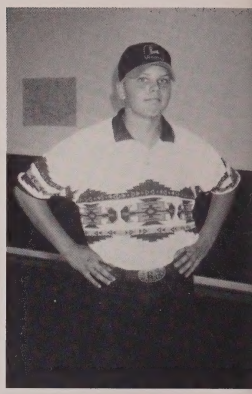
Juniors...Simply the Best!

April Todd, Robin Matney, and Candice Kirk are caught in their usual attire between classes.

To the right: Kenji Andrews, Kenny Anderson, Juadon Smith,Rory Peterson, Tracey Edwards, and Alicia Jackson have their picture taken at their favorite spot during lunch.





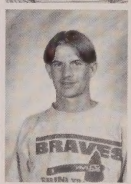
Ryan Hammack with his John Deere hat and big belt buckle is a perfect example of the typical attire his group of friends wear.

Class of 1998

Hezekiah Adams
Kenneth Anderson
Kenji Andrews
Dallas Anglin
Monique Bell
Marie Boyce
Larry Brasher

Gary Brock
Quatika Brown
Shameka Brown
Misty Burch
Leah Buswell
Molly Carter
David Church

Karen Clark
Shanna Cook
Michael Cooper
Adam Destifino
Kim Dozier
Tracey Edwards
Jeff Ekstrom



Jessie Finch
Riki Gilley
Lena Green
Kevin Grossmith
Matt Hall
Jeremy Hallock
Ryan Hammack

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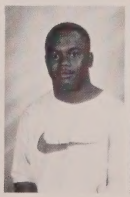
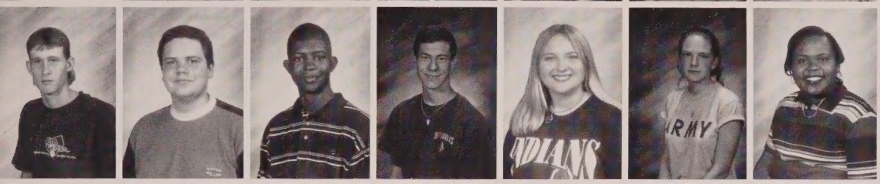
Marlana Herring
Shannon Hogan
Tameka Hudson
Alicia Jackson
Tomika Jackson
Tonya Johns
Yolanda Johns



Candice Kirk
Rachel Matney
Robin Matney
Keiomi McDonald
Rachel Morrison
Daniel Mueller
Christopher Parks



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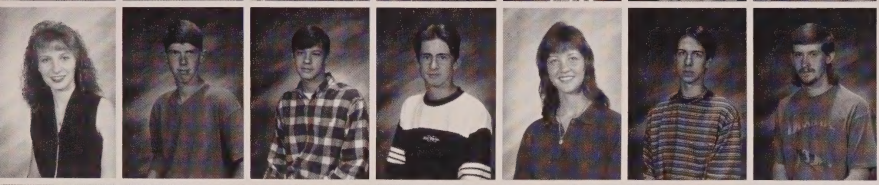
Danny Perez
Rory Peterson
Olen Pettis
Stacia Pettis
Bobby Jo Pilgrim
Latoya Reed



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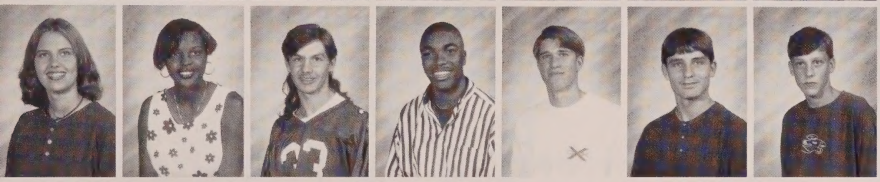
Jason Rogers
John Rogers
Jake Rutherford
Angie Sapp
Will Seemer
Adam Shelley



Kristal Shelley
Vonetta Siples
Waylon Skipper
Juadon Smith
Will Smith
Chuck Suggs
Chad Taylor

Kim Dozier is too busy to look at the camera, but, as always, Rachel Matney and Ashley Zurica are ready to pose for anything.

Tonya Johns, Will Seemer, Kristal Shelley, Misty Burch, Karen Clark, Yolanda Johns, and Heather Worthington show off their new class rings.

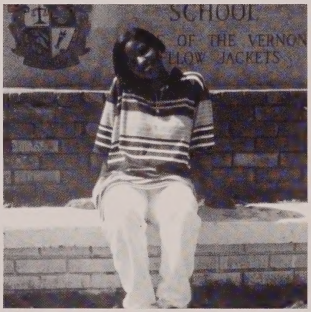
Rachel Morrison, Will Seemer, Adam Yohn,Kevin Grossmith, and Karen Clark are hanging out in the front of the school during Homecoming Week.

Mellissa Tharp
April Todd
Jonas Vencius
Lorietta Walker
Jennifer Williams
Mindy Williams
Heather Worthington

Waylon Yates
Adam Yohn
Ashley Zurica

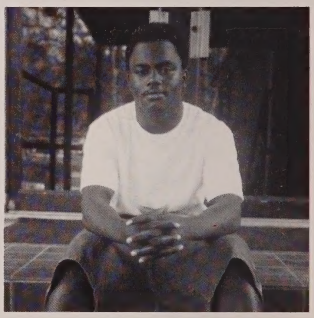
Not Pictured: James Creel, Eureka Bell, Alonzo Haynes, Vicky Potter, Terence Scott, Phillip Stoker, Robert Tinley, and Justin Watkins.

Class Beauty



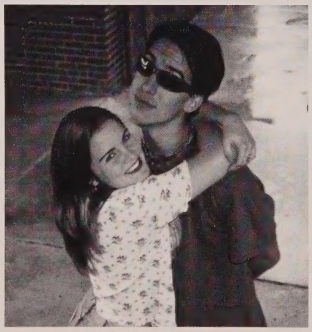
Vonetta Siples was chosen for class beauty. She enjoys talking on the phone, shopping, and hanging out with Ariane.

Class Cutie



Shannon Hogan is the junior class cutie. He enjoys going to the mall and riding the strip.

Class Favorites

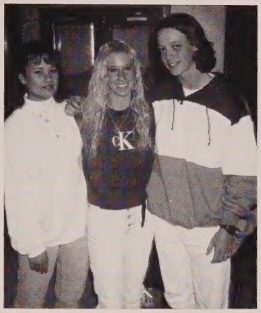


Misty Burch and Will Seemer were chosen by the junior class and are well liked by their peers.

Misty is active in Band. She is also the Vice-President of the Vernon Key Club and a member of the BETA Club and the FEA. She is on the track team.

Will's interesets are playing the guitar, reading, Dungeons and Dragons, and writing poetry. His aspiration is to be a big rock and roll star.

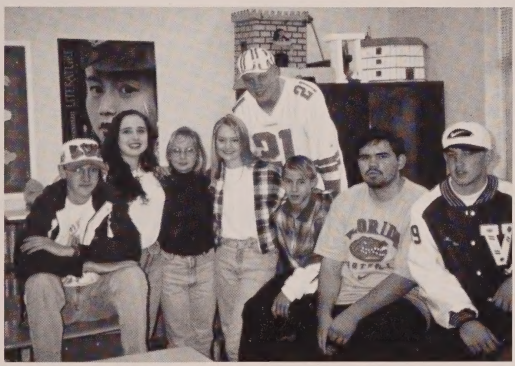
Sophomores... One of A Kind!

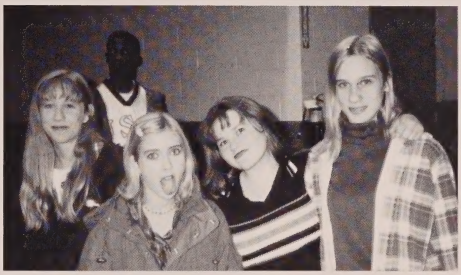


Far Left: Crystal Morris and Lee Duke take time out of their wonderful relationship to pose for the camera.

Left: Sherina Howell, Lacey Borders, and Gary Anderson pause for just a moment to have a quick snapshot taken.

Bottom left: Jesse English, Heather Vickers, Jackie Cargo, Lacey Tison, Travis Brock, Richard Day, Alex Jasso, and Matt Sciolino are caught hanging out in Mrs. Bush's room before school starts.





Samantha Watkins, Chrissy Lee, Lilly Newsome, and Heather Slay like to exercise their right to freedom of expression.

Erick Anderson
Gary Anderson
Brandon Andrews
Byron Anglin
Sherina Baldwin
Donnell Bell
Amber Bennett

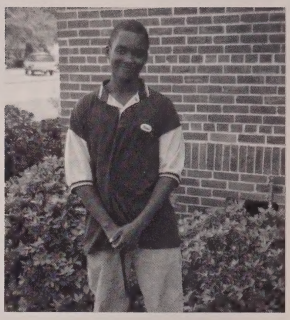
Lacie Borders
Travis Brock
Alzado Brown
Elvis Brown
Freddy Brown
Matt Brown
Carolyn Bryant

Donaldson Campbell
Jackie Cargo
Priscilla Cartwright
Shannon Causey
Michael Childs
Rena Cobb
Johnathon Cook

CLASS BEAUTY

Amanda Johnson enjoys modeling, playing soccer, riding horses, socializing and tanning.

DARE TO BE different



Rodney Robinson is a member of junior varsity football team and the track team.

CLASS CUTIE

Samantha Cook
Peter Courtney
Richard Day
Danielle Delano
Lee Duke
Jesse English
Earl Evans

Brent Gainey
Sabrina Gill
Jocelyn Green
Justin Green
James Hamilton
Sherina Howell
Arthur Hudson

Katrina Jackson
Alex Jasso
Amanda Johnson
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Chrissy Lee
Devin Lee
Misty Lemire

John Lively
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Carly Moore
William Moore
Crystal Morris
Denna Mueller
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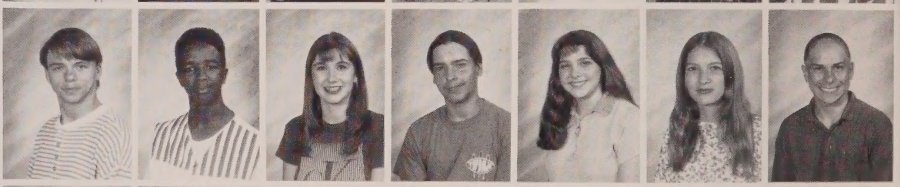


Cassandra Nettles
Jeff Newsom
Lilly Newsom
Kim Owens
Dylan Paffos
Ashley Page
Jackie Paprzycki

Underclassmen
Leah Buswell

Shane Paul
Jeremy Pelfrey
Grady Peterson
Roy Peterson
Waukesha Peterson
Tiffany Pettis
Timothy Potter

Larry Pyne
Raywat Ray
Neil Richards
Farrah Ridgeway
Rodney Robinson
Samuel Roche
Natasha Rodriguez

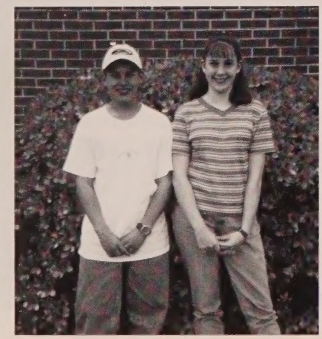
Matt Sciolino
Konstance Sheffield
Latoya Sheffield
Sherena Siples
Audrey Skipper
Heather Slay
Kozmas Smith

Keith Stoker
Cal Thompson
Lacey Tison
Tyrika Troublefield
Heather Vickers
Josh Wagner
Stephanie Walsingham

Samantha Watkins
Shane Whitaker
Andy White
John Mark Willoughby
John Wood
Richard Woodham
Michael Young

Not pictured: Krystaline Erickson, Cherice Eversole, Kevin Hennion, Pamela Howard, Jermaine Marks, Benjamin Nettles, & Stephanie Parish.

CLASS FAVORITES

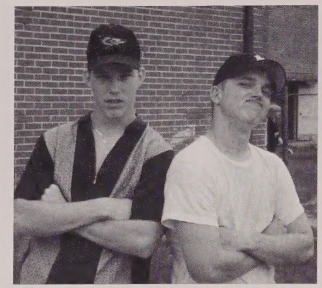


Class of ...99

Shane Whitaker is a member of the junior varsity baseball team and loves spending time with his sweetheart, Jessica Rogers.

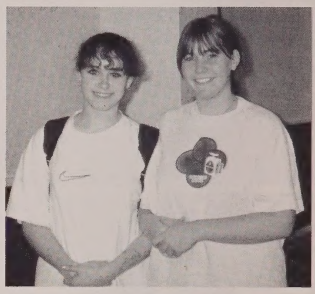
Amber Bennett plays on the jv volleyball team. She enjoys going to church at Courts of Praise in Chipley and hanging out with her friends.

Unforgettable... *The class that starts off the new millennium.*

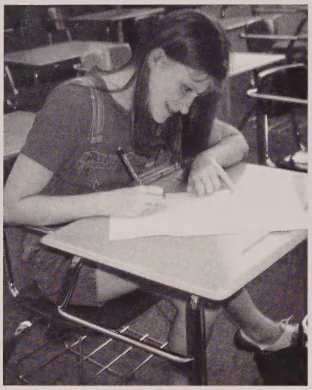


Ron Mills and Victor Baker thinking they are Hot Stuff pose for the camera.

Tasha Best and Regina Page are just cruising the halls for some action.



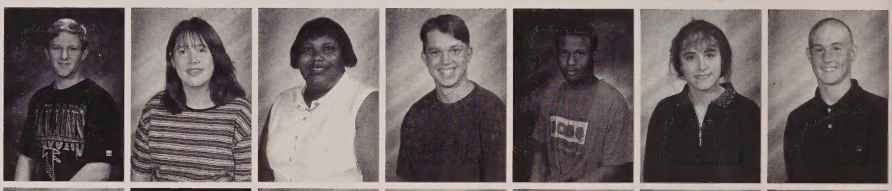
life between Summer



Dawn Finch is spending her lunch hour by feeding her mind.

Kristin Richard is one of Vernon's new students that has fit right in.

Daniel Aaron
Martha Alford
Jacklyn Andrews
Victor Baker
Brandon Bell
Tasha Best
Christon Birge



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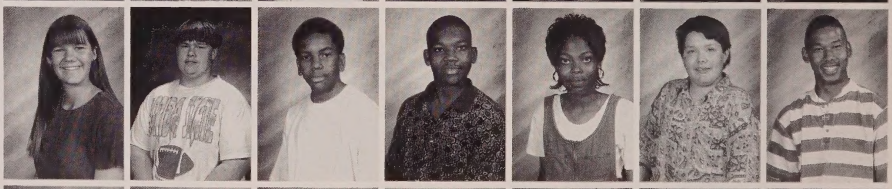
Thomas Broxton
Jesse Buckley



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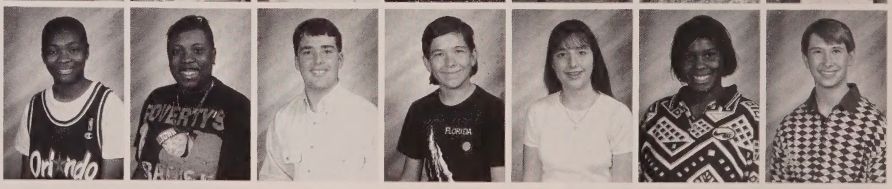

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Richard Dugger
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Stacy Evans
Tommy Farmer
Dawn Finch
Marcus Finch

Clint Gainey
Randall Garner
Christy Gill
Shelese Hammack
Marla Harrell
Jamison Haskins
Angela Haynes

Sabrina Hughes
Alexader Jackson
Robin Jaramillo
Chrissy Jeffries
Jesse Johnson
Brent Kelly
Charles Linton

Kristen Lovett
Jake Miller
Ron Mills
Marty Moore
Brian Nichols
Regina Page
Emily Parish

Sarah Pate
Adam Patterson
Brandon Paul
Terron Peterson
Mike Pettis
Fredrick Pitts
Brent Potter

Rebecca Purvis
Chris Reinhardt
O'Bryant Robinson
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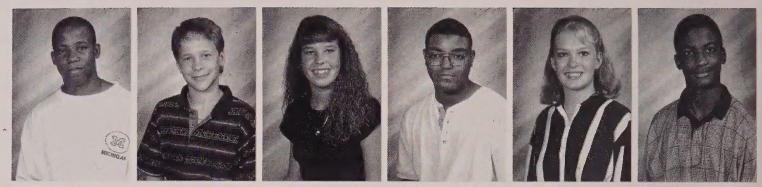

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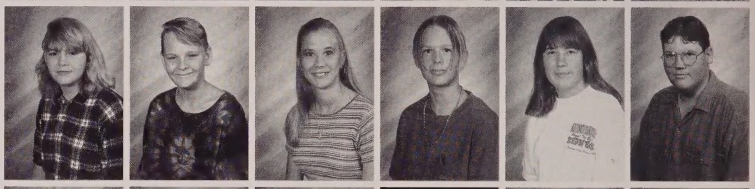

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Sondra Williams
John Williams
James Worthing
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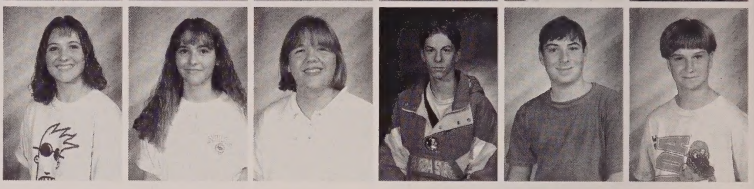
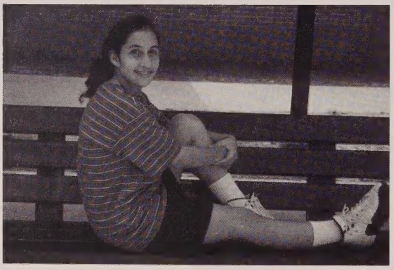
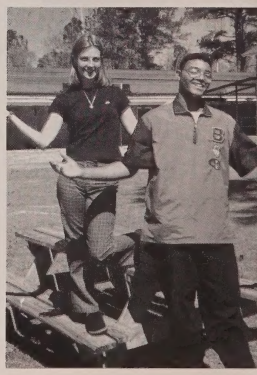


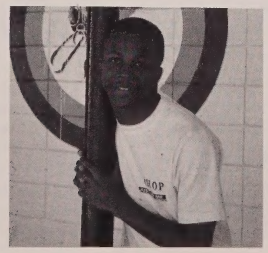
Class Beauties & Cuties and Class Favorites



Jennifer Rodriguez was chosen for Class Beauty. She is active in Cheerleading, Basketball, and Softball.

Jessica Rogers and Brennis Smith are ninth grade class favorites. Jessica participates in Cheerleading and in Softball. Brennis is a member of the basketball and football teams.





Brent Potter was elected class cutie. He enjoys playing football, basketball, and baseball for Vernon High School.

Middle School

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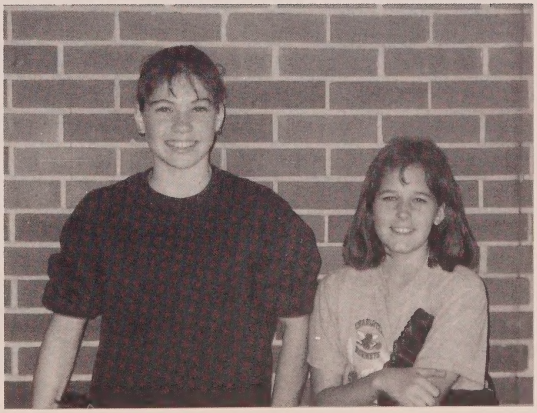
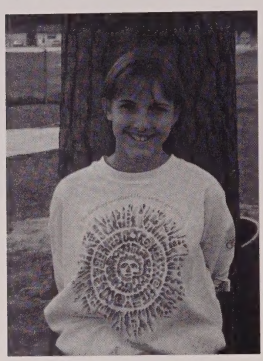


Middle School in Action

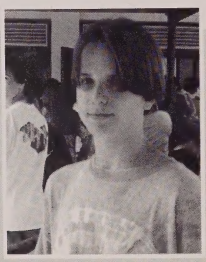
New School, New Faces, New Rules

Right: Chad Whitaker, Laura Marschka, Jennifer LeSeur, and Sabrina Glover get in close for a picture while Zack Yates puts bunny ears on them.

Below: Crystal Gainey was selected as 7th Grade Class Favorite. Not pictured is Zac Newsome, who transferred.



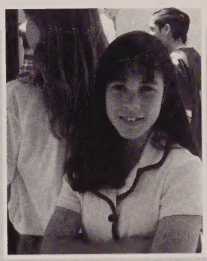
Different Clubs, Different Faces



Steven Childs

Band Member

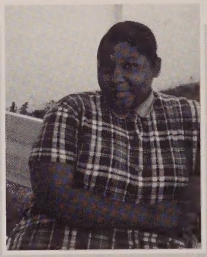
"Band was fun! We did well at the competitions. I enjoyed playing the music and got to meet a lot of people from different schools."



Rebekah Sapp

Math and Science

"It was fun. We've had several meetings. There're a lot of people active in the 7th Grade Math and Science Club. We went to the Zoo at the end of the year and we also sold candy."



Celya Hearne

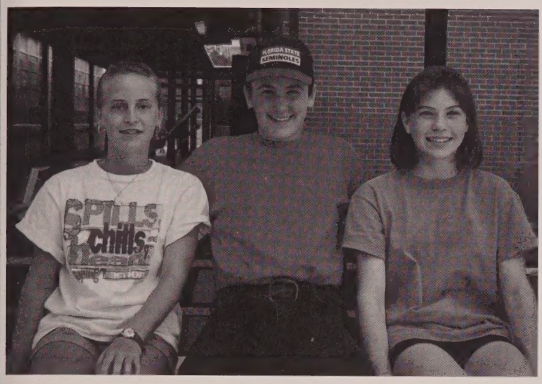
FBLA

"We went on two field trips and one competition. It was a lot of fun! We also had a Christmas party and exchanged gifts. We had a great year."

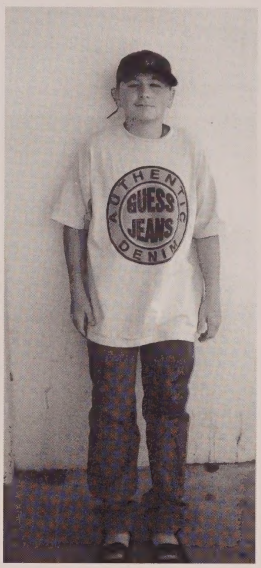
Justin King

Spelling Bee

"The Spelling Bee was fun because the words were challenging. The people participating were good sports. There were a lot of people there. I'm looking forward to going to D.C.!'

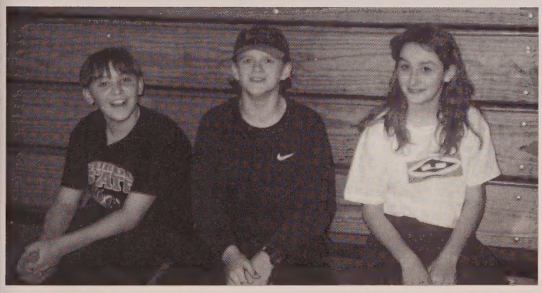


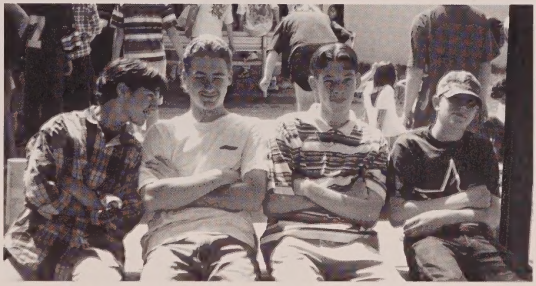
Left: Sabrina Glover, Ryan Sparks, and Laura Marschka were selected by their classmates as 8th Grade Class Favorites.
Below left: Kayla Skipper, Trista Duty, Jennifer Taylor, Ashley Worthington, and Rebekah Sapp smile prettily for a picture during lunch.



Left: Joe Gilley seems to be saying, "I'm the man!" as He stands by the wall.

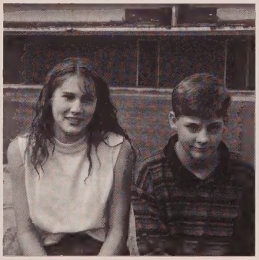
Below: Jessica Reddick was chosen by the 8th graders to be Class Beauty.





Above left: Jacob Rogers, Chris Cosson, and Kayla Skipper chill out during their P.E. class.

Above: Steve Anders, Brandon Thomas, Brack Hall, and James Brock strike a studly pose for all the cute girls.



Left: Gracie Slay and Daniel Skipper were voted as 7th Grade Beauty and Cutie.

Left: Nycole Hetzel, Shelley Adams, Mandi Nichols, Leslie Strickland, and Brandi Baker take time out before lunch for a picture.

8th Grade Math Club: J. Maggard, J. Aguilera, M. Paprzycki, C. Howell, S. Glover, L. Marschka, A. Pennington, M. Pitts, C. Hogans, J. Atkins, R. Buswell, H. Austin, J. Reddick, S. Sheffield, M. Sciolino, J. Ridgeway, Z. Yates, J. Cook, A. Tiller, R. Sparks, J. Vaughn, C. Whitaker, T. Howard, W. Holmes, S. Coleman, T. Smith, F. Registeer, D. Gilpin, P. Marshall, A. Lewellen, and V. Taylor.

The 8th Grade Math Club set up a reward system for the homerooms with the best discipline. They have been responsible for the VMS Homework Hotline. They have visited Busch Gardens and provided lunch during American Education Week. Officers are: President-Sabrina Glover, Vice President-Laura Marschka, Secretary-Claudia Hogans, Treasurer-Crystal Howell, Reporter-Heather Austin.

7th Grade Math and Science Club: K. Young, I. Mattanovitch, H. Brown, S. Barber, T. Dennis, C. Cosson, J. Nettles, R. Sapp, N. Hetzel, K. Skipper, B. Peterson, J. Thornton, A. Worthington, M. Coatney, D. Skipper, M. Ramirez, S. Adams, B. Baker, L. Strickland, K. Harrison, Z. Newsome, P. Suggs, C. Hearne, C. Coatney, J. Payne, J. Brock, Z. Strickland, A. Sexton, M. Nichols, W. Hernandez, D. Green, M. Finch, S. Hagan, J. Clark, B. Hall, and B. Thomas.

The 7th Grade Math and Science Club, sponsored by Freida Cook and Angela Sexton, had 36 members this year. The goal of the club is to encourage growth in students' knowledge in the fields of math and science as they search for a career choice. They participated in the math competition, St. Jude Math-A-Thon, Pick an Angel, and Thanksgiving Baskets. For fun, they took two field trips to the Gulf Breeze Zoo and Gulf Coast Community College. They also had a pizza party.

National Jr. Honor Society: Michael Sciolino, Ashley Smith, Torie Simmons, Christy Broxton, Sabrina Glover, Zack Yates, Amanda Lewellen, Pamela Marshall, Laura Marschka, Beth Vaughn, Jessica Reddick, Robin Chesnut, Heather Austin, Somer Sheffield, Claudia Hogans, Vionka Taylor, Sakema Coleman, Nathan Smith, David Gilpin, John Cook, Andy Odom, and Tony Howard

National Junior Honor Society is a club for 8th graders only. It is a very special privilege to be a member of it. To be initiated, a student must have had a "B" average the year before, and keep up good behavior. On top of that, they must have good recommendations from their 7th grade teachers.. They had an initiation ceremony and went on a few trips. These students are to be commended for their all-around excellence.

Middle School Organizations

Student Council

VMS Student Council Officers: Vice President- Crystal Gainey, President- Ryan Sparks, 8th Grade Senator- Laura Marschka, Treasurer- Somer Sheffield, Secretary- Stephanie Day, 7th Grade Senator- Brandi Baker. 2nd Row: Chad Whitaker, Johnathan Nettles, Christy Broxton, Vionka Taylor, Wilma Hernandez, Jessica Reddick, Monica Kirk, Carrie Coatney, Mandi Nichols, Kayla Harrison, Nycole Hetzel, Heather Austin, and Sabrina Glover.

Pictured at right is Ryan Sparks. He is the Student Council President. He is also a member of the eighth grade Math Club and is active in sports.

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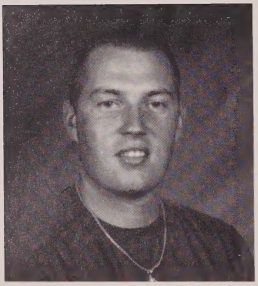
Members are Claudia Hogans, Twila Smith, Jessica Reddick, Brandi Baker, Crystal Gainey, Clint Peace, Wendy Holmes, Heather Austin, Celya Hearne, Latasha Bell, Irena Mattanovitch, Tina Jones, Monica Ramirez, and Tony Howard.

Officers are President- Claudia Hogans, Vice President- Jessica Reddick, Secretary- Jennifer Ridgeway (not pictured), Treasurer- Torrey Andrews, Historian- Crystal Gainey.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS

7th Grade Boys' Basketball: Thomas Powell, Brandon Hayes, Montana Windsor, Brad Collins, Daniel Skipper, Montrez Lee, Brent'n Peterson, Dustin Green, Clint Peace, Brandon Thomas, Brack Hall, and Angel Hernandez.

8th Grade Boys' Basketball: (Far right) Dane Mongoven, Tom Welleck, Tony Howard, David gilpin, Chad Whitaker, Michael Sciolino, Courtney Jackson, John Cook, Domingo Hernandez, Jeremy Stage, and Franklin Register.



Pictured above is Coach Brad Hall. He coaches the middle school boys' football and basketball teams, helping to make these teams a successful part of VMS.

VMS Football Team: Jeric Yates, John Cook, Courtney Jackson, Brandon Hayes, Brent'n Peterson, Jonathan Nettles, Michael Seidel, Brandon Taylor, Franklin Register, Jacob Rogers, Montrez Lee, Daniel Czinski, Brack Hall, Brandon Thomas, Montana Windsor, Chris Dyer, Torrey Andrews, Tony Howard, Charlie Nettles, Taurean Andrews, Charles Parish, Clint Peace, Brett Thomas, Daniel Skipper, Aaron Tiller, Matthew Finch, Joel Clark, and Avery Siples.

VMS Cheerleaders Crystal Howell, Sabrina Glover, Jessica Reddick, LaToya Peterson, (standing) Laura Marschka, Somer Sheffield, (top) Crystal Gainey.

Pictured at the far left are Jessica Reddick and Grystal Gainey. Jessica served as captain of this year's squad, while Crystal was co-captain. They did an excellent job leading the cheerleaders through games and pep rallies.

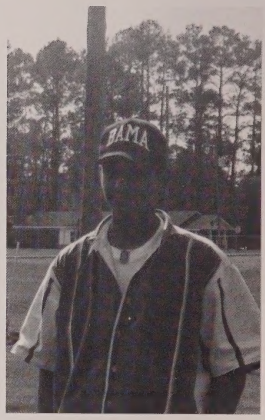
Pictured at the left is Mrs. Priscilla Brown. She is the cheerleading sponsor this year and has been a great leader. In addition to sponsoring the cheerleaders, she has also coached the softball team.

Girls' Softball: Carrie Coatney, Rebekah Sapp, Crystal Gainey, Jessica Reddick, Ariel Hogans, Crystal Howell, Tiffany Stufflestreet, Robin Chestnut, Pamela Marshall, Beth Vaughn, Laura Marschka, and Sabrina Glover.

Girls' Basketball: Patty Suggs, Ariel Hogans, Tangela George, Heather Austin, Vionka Taylor, Mandi Nichols, Kayla Harrison, Latoya Bell, Coach Erika Dotson, Wilma Hernandez, Chrissy Anderson, Joanie Payne, and Diovahon Smith.

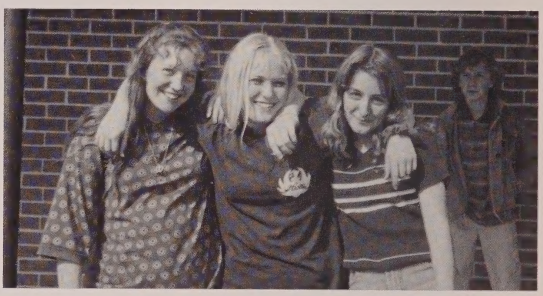
7th & 8th Grade

Every morning I wake up at 4:00 a.m. to get ready to go to school. Since I didn't do my homework last night, I sat at the breakfast table to finish it and spilled the milk all over it. What will I tell Mrs. Cook? Mom yells that the bus is leaving. School is so nerve racking!--*A. Hernandez*



At Right: Wilma and Domingo Hernandez are showing brotherly and sisterly love by hanging out together.

At right: Kayla Skipper, Ashley Worthington, and Jennifer Taylor are having fun just hanging out together after an awards assembly.



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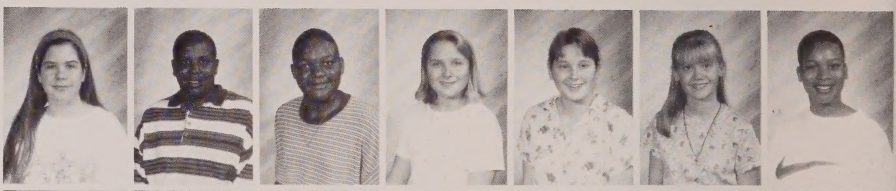
Evelyn Baldwin-7



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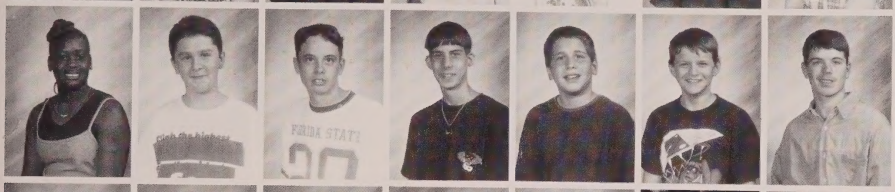

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Rufus Curington-8
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Walter Davis-8
Candice Day-8
Stephanie Day-8
Theresa Dennis-7
Cheryl Donor-8

Trista Duty-7
Christohpher Dyer-8
Shakayla Everett-8
Don Finch-8
Shannon Finch-7
Michael Freel-7
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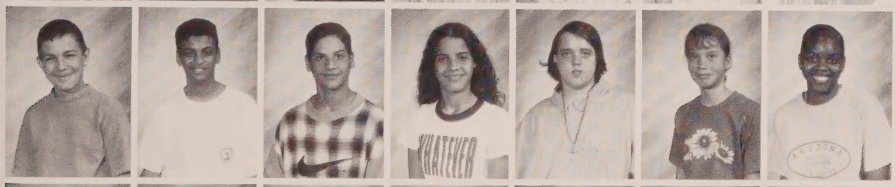

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Crystal Howell-8
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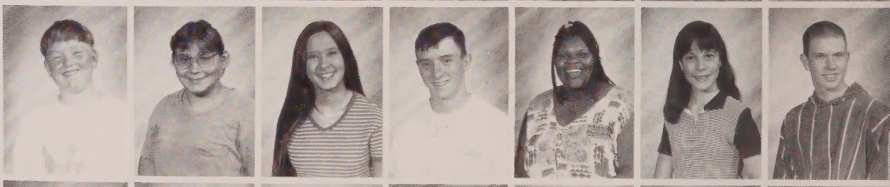

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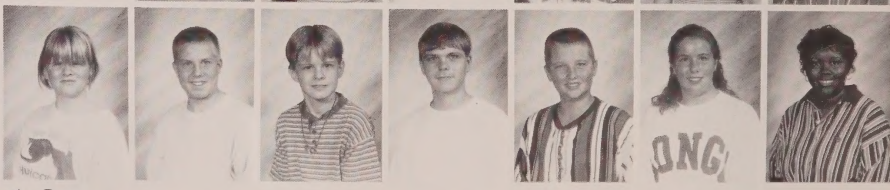

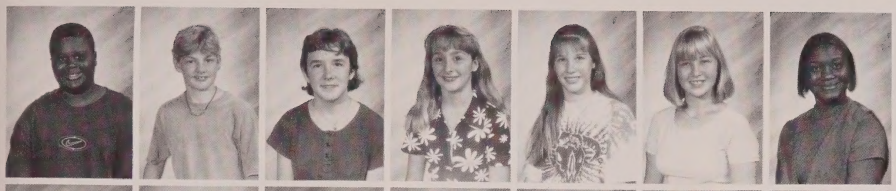

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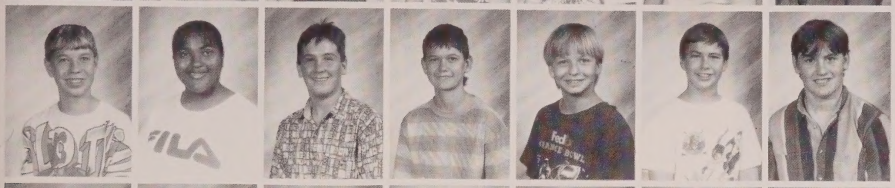

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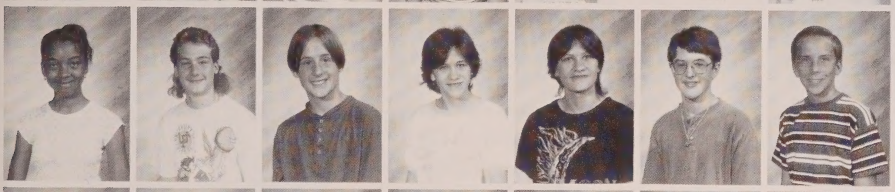

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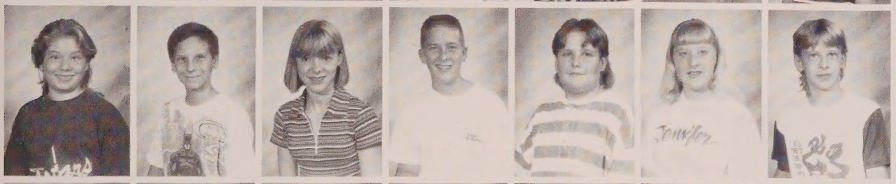

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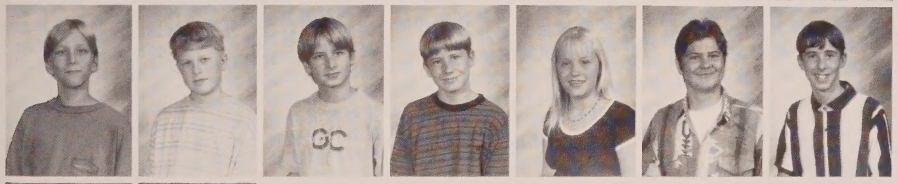

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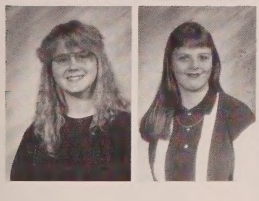

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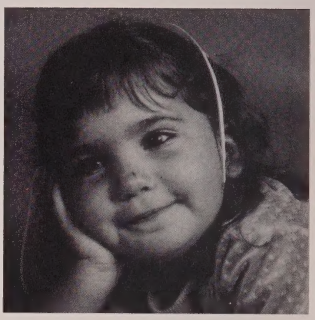
At right: Best friends Brent'n Peterson and Clint Peace are clowning around at break.

STACY

CODY



You're our Pride and Joy - Nanny & Pa

Way to go "Cody - Choff" - Love Aunt Suzy

Congratulations Cuz - Love Derrek

We're very proud to be your Aunt and Uncle, and cousins and we're especially proud of you! Uncle Clay, Aunt Shea Shea, Brent and Ryan

"You've come a long way BABY" - Congratulations James, Tina, Adriana, and Corey.

We are so proud of you. May God be with you through the rest of your life. Love and Kisses. Mom and Dad

Happy Graduation Cuz - Love Hea Hea

NINETEEN NINETY-SEVEN

Andrea Leigh Everitt

Baby-to-Be
A seed of life in me
Asking God for a healthy, energetic child you see

Thoughts of a child
Brought anxiety and fear
Wondering if in this world
Could another generation be reared.

Looking into God's word
His promises to future generations
He is the same yesterday, today, and forever
His love so great he would not sever.

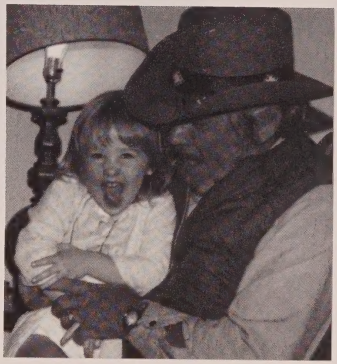
Little girl running, laughing, playing
Writing letters to her friends
Wondering what she is saying

Dates, friends, a brand new car
Going here and there
Counsel, advise, better think twice
Not letting her get too far.

High school days are soon ending
Senior trips, goodbyes to friends
Future plans are all pending.

Sound wisdom, right choices, responsible, and mature
Here she stands before us so self- assured.
Proud parents we are glad to be
Now we must let her go you see.
We love you and are proud of you.

Love,
Mama and Daddy



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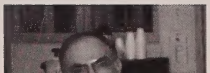

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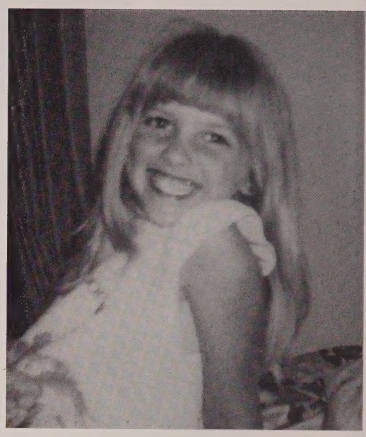


Angela Kay Borrell

To my precious daughter,

I'm so proud of you!

I know you will achieve anything and everything you want. You have not only been the best daughter anyone could ask for, but also my best friend. Thank you for always being there for me.

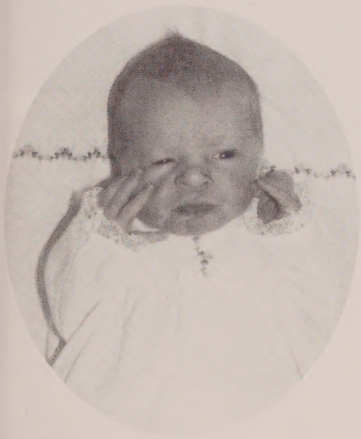
You have the biggest heart of anyone I know. I admire you for that.

God sent me an Angel when he gave me you.

I LOVE YOU,

Mom

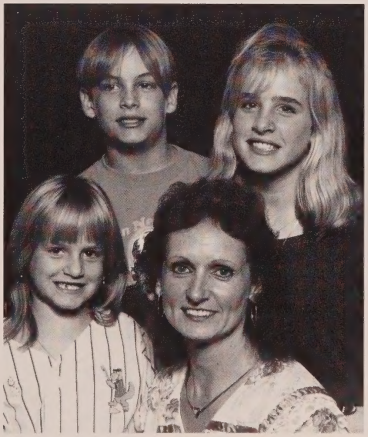
GENA DERICO



Congrats! You have made it. You have had some ups and downs in your young life, but you are a fighter, so set your goals and don't let any one change your mind. When you were born your dad used to call you his little angel. Gena, I know in my heart you are still his little angel. We love you with all our hearts and I love you more than words can say.

Love,

Mom, Teresa & Stephen



Green's Stucco and Plastering

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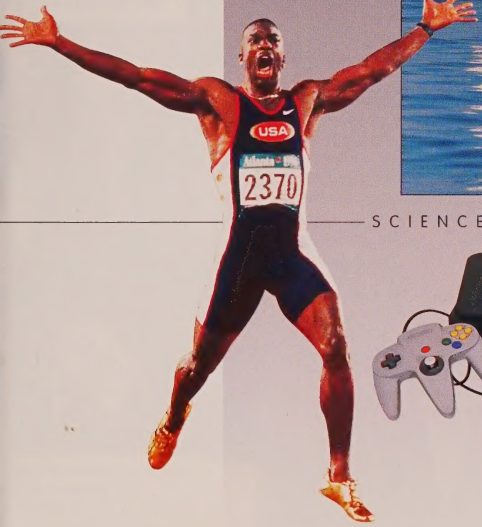

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flash

In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to $21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.

AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

Reuters/Archive Photos

King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.

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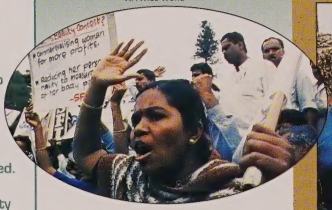


The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.

A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

AP/Wide World

Reuters/Archive Photos

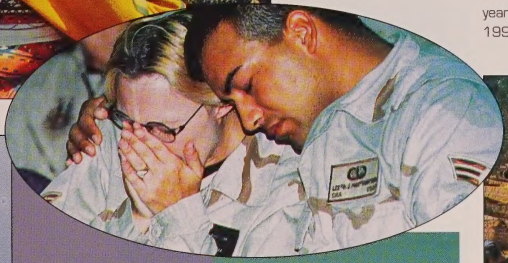
Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."

AP/Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.

AP/Wide World

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.



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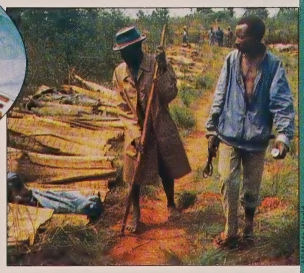
Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.

Agence France-Presse

On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.



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More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.

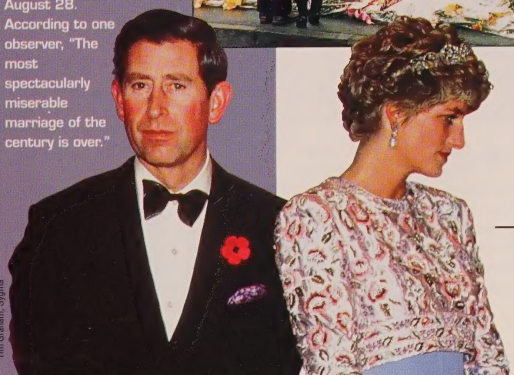
Reuters/Archive Photos

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.

Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined $300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.

Reuters/Archive Photos

Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.

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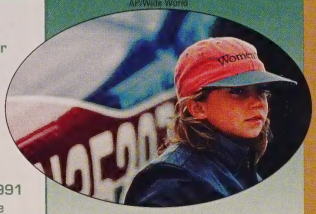
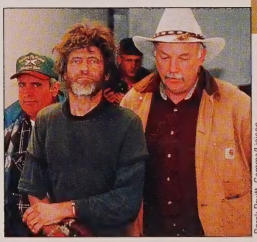


Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Derek Pruitt, Gamma/Liaison

Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.

Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.

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One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.

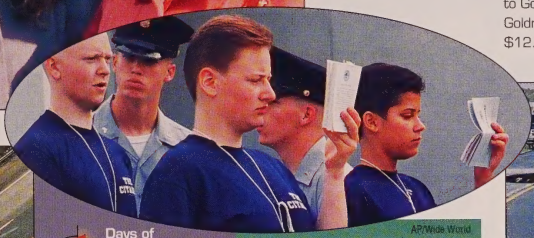
AP/Wide World

Reuters/Archive Photos

William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.

Courtesy Kevin Fleming

A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards $8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded $12.5 million in punitive damages.



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The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos. Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.

AP/Wide World

Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

AP/Wide World

Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing $3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.

Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year. California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.

Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

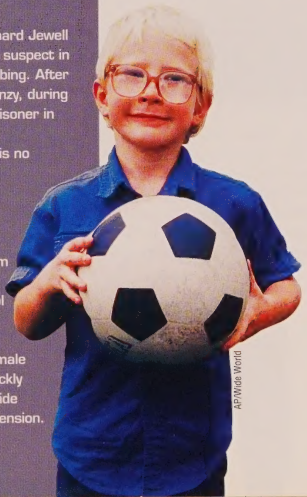
All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.

AP/Wide World

Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison

Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



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Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.

NASA

American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station *Mir*.

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A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

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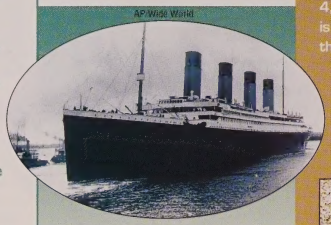
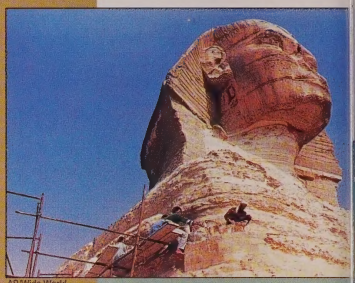


An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in failure in August due to rough seas.

NASA

In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



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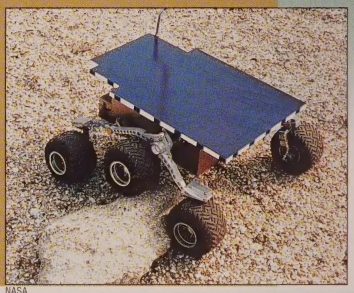


NASA

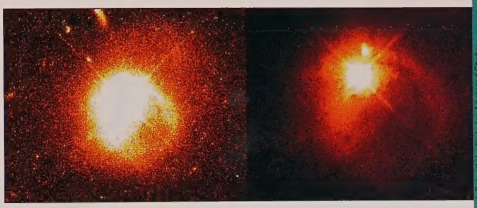
The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.

Echostar Communications Corp.

© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium. Photography by Randy Wilder

California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.



J. Bahcall, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and NASA

The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.

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Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.

O-Xygen Bar

An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay $16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O_2 Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.

Smithsonian Institution

The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.

UPI/ Corbis-Bettmann

Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.

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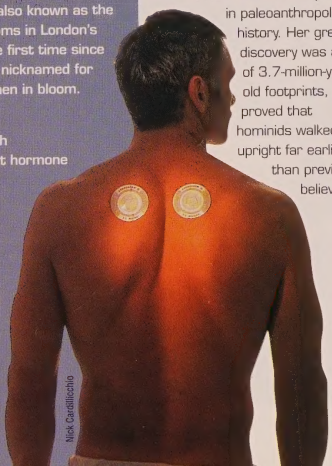
The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



Nick Carafiocho

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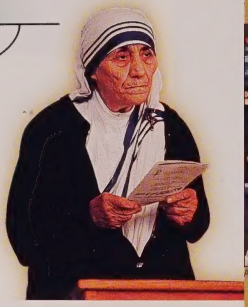
Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.

The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.



Steven M. Falk, Gamma-Liaison

Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December. It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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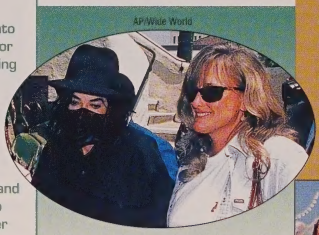
"The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, re-signs his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.



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In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.

Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.

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Regis Philbin appears with host Rosie O'Donnell on ABC's "The Rosie O'Donnell Show." The talk show, which premieres in 1996, gains quick popularity and respect.

Steve Granitz, Retna

Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."

AP/Wide World

Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.

AP/Wide World

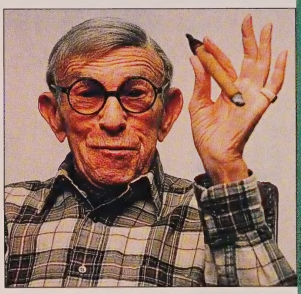
New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.

AP/Wide World

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.

John F. Kennedy Library

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacquelyn Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at $500 to $700, sell for $211,500, bringing the auction total to $34.5 million.



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Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.

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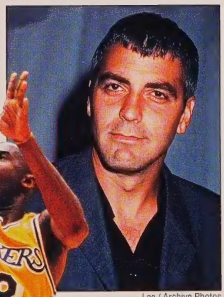
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



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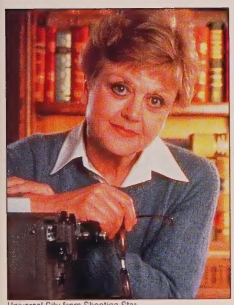
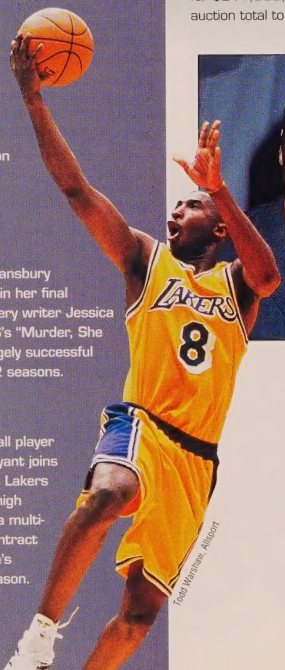
As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.



Universal City from Shooting Star

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.



Todd Warshaw, Allsport

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.

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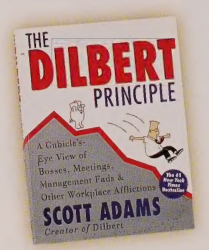
Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

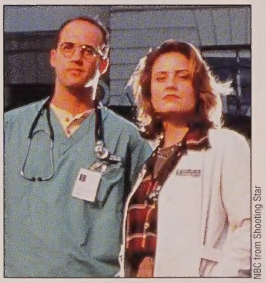
NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.



Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaption of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.


NBC from Shooting Star

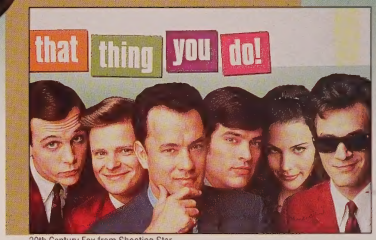
Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.

Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.

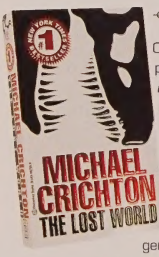
Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Academy Award-winning actor Tom Hanks' first effort at directing receives critical praise when *That Thing You Do!*, a movie about the meteoric rise and fall of a 1960s rock band, opens in October.

Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.

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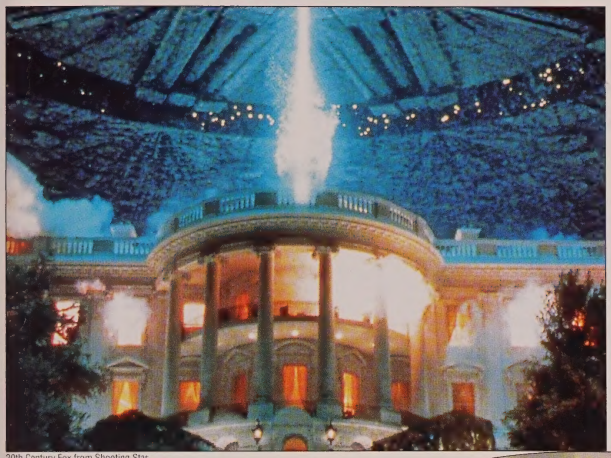

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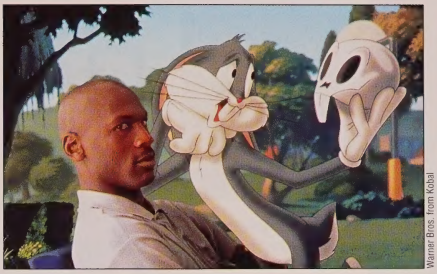

Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Paramount from Shooting Star

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.

ABC from Shooting Star

John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.

Warner Bros. from Kobal

CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.

Twister from Shooting Star

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.

Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

ENTERTAINMENT

MUSIC

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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.

The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

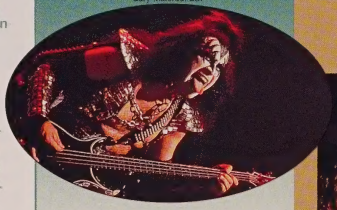
Kipa, LGI

British pop superstars Liam (left) and Noel Gallagher cancel the remainder of a U.S. concert tour in September amid rumors that their band, Oasis, is breaking up. Denying the reports, the brothers announce they will release a new album in the summer of 1997.

Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).

Jane Huntington, LGI

Gary Malerba, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.

Steve Jennings, LGI

Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.

Steve Jennings, LGI

Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.

Reuters/Archive Photos

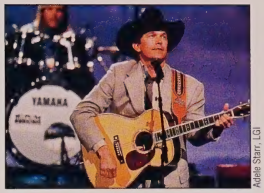
After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.

Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.

Steve Jennings, LGI

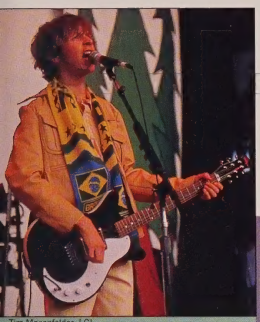
No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."

Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adele Starr, LGI

George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI

The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.

Mike Hashimoto/NGI from LGI

Lisa Leone, LGI

Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.

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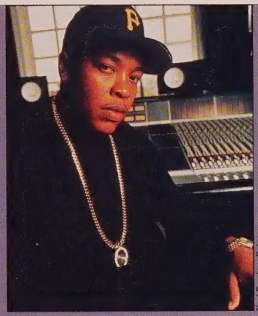
Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.

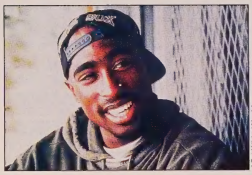


Neil Preston, Retna

Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.

Adele Starr, LGI

Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



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The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

James L. Lance, LGI

R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.

The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."

Beck, LGI

SPORTS

flash

Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than $1 million, in addition to a $25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported $200,000 settlement with the photographer.

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

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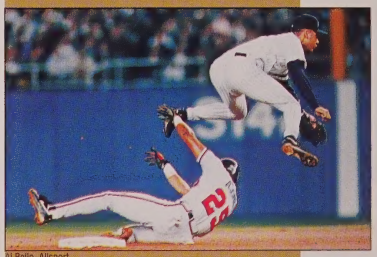
Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.



Al Bello, Allsport

The New York Yankees win the World Series, beating the Atlanta Braves in a four-game sweep, after losing the first two games. It is the first series title for the Yankees since 1978.

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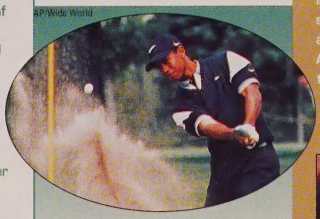
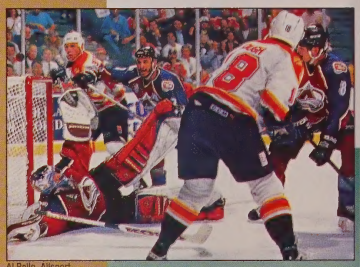


Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated $40 million.

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



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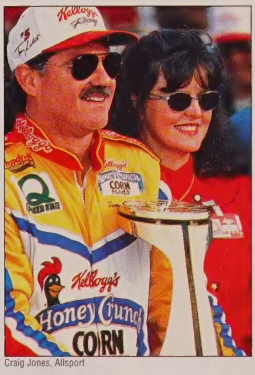
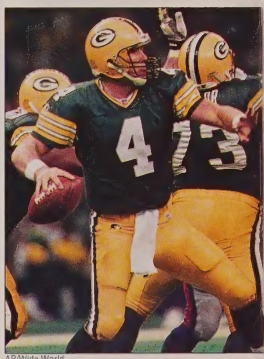
Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.



Craig Jones, Allsport

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.



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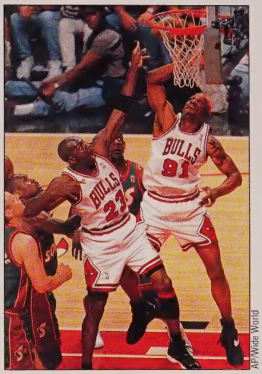
The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.

U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



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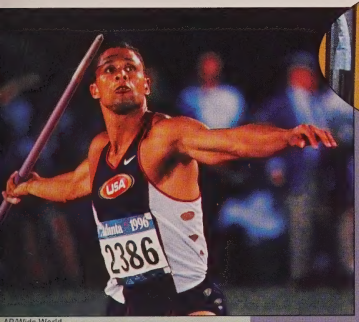
The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.



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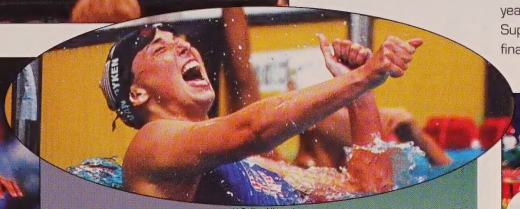

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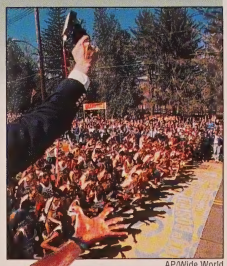
U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.

April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.



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Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.

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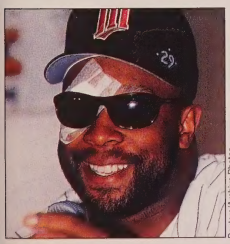

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Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.

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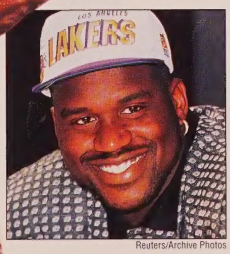
U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



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Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal $120 million over 7 years.

LIFESTYLE

LIFESTYLE NEWS

flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.

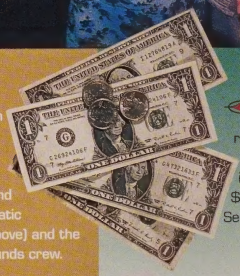
A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

Monica Almeida, NYT Pictures

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.

My Twinn Doll Company

The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



The minimum wage is raised to $4.75 in October, and will increase again to $5.15, effective September 1, 1997.

The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Nail polish colors get darker and funkier. Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.

Disney's *101 Dalmatians* inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.

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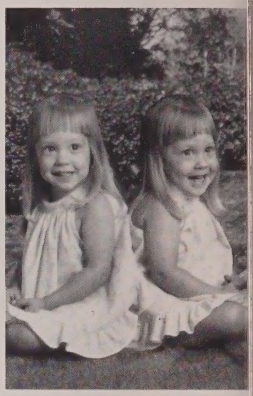
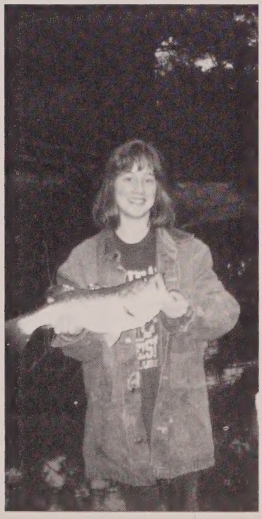


Angela ,

Just look at you! We are very proud of your accomplishments in everything that you do. We've always told you that you can do anything you want to if you just try hard enough, so keep that in mind as you graduate and get out there in the world. We want only the best for your future. Good Luck in everything and remember, we love you!

Congratulations!

Mom, Dad,Steve, Nancy, Ashlyn,Nanny Doris, Papa Pete, Nanny Shirley, and Grandaddy Ray



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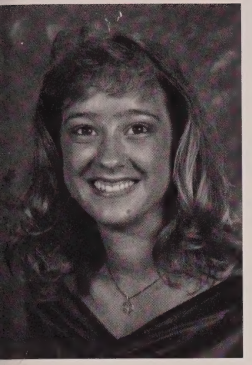

Jennifer,

You are a joy to have for a daughter. We are so proud of you and all of your achievements in your life. You have always made us realize we are lucky to have a sweet girl like you. Good Luck with everything you want in your life. We know you can do anything you set your mind to. We love you!

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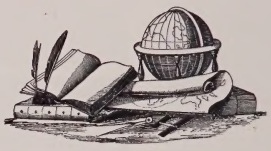

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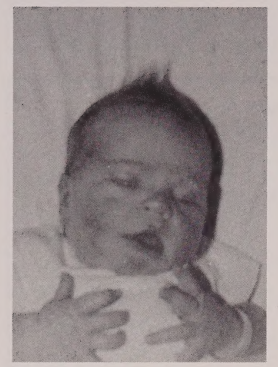

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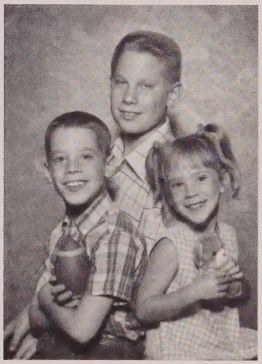
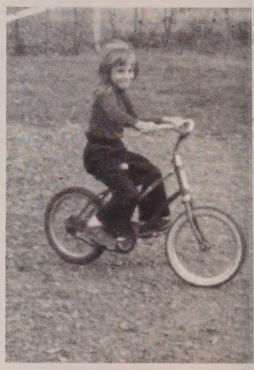
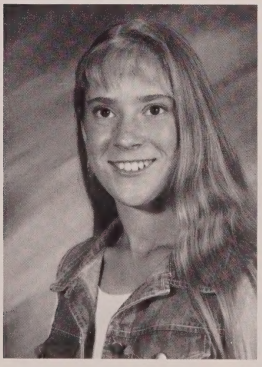


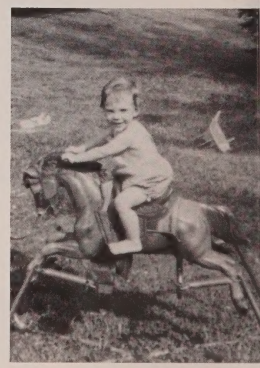
FROM THREE WHEELS TO TWO AND NOW FOUR. HOW YOU HAVE GROWN - STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF - BELEIVE IN GOD AND ALL YOUR DREAMS WILL COME TRUE. BEST OF LUCK IN THE ARMY. CONGRATULATIONS ON GETTING THROUGH 12 YEARS OF SCHOOL. NEVER FORGET BRIAN.

LOVE -

MOM, DAD, & CHRISTOPHER







Jeff Nunnery

Jeff

It seems like only yesterday that you were a little boy. Now, you are a young man graduating high school. CONGRATULATIONS!!

It is hard to find the words to express how much I love you. You have been such a blessing to my life. I look at the young man that you have become and my heart fills with love and pride. I know that God blessed me with a " Special Son. " I pray that you will continue to serve the Lord and let Him guide you through your life. Remember that I will always be here for you. Dink and I are very proud of you.

Love

Mom

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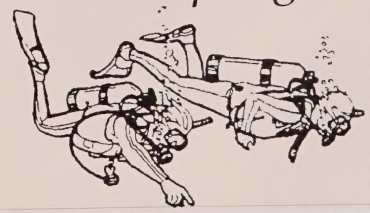
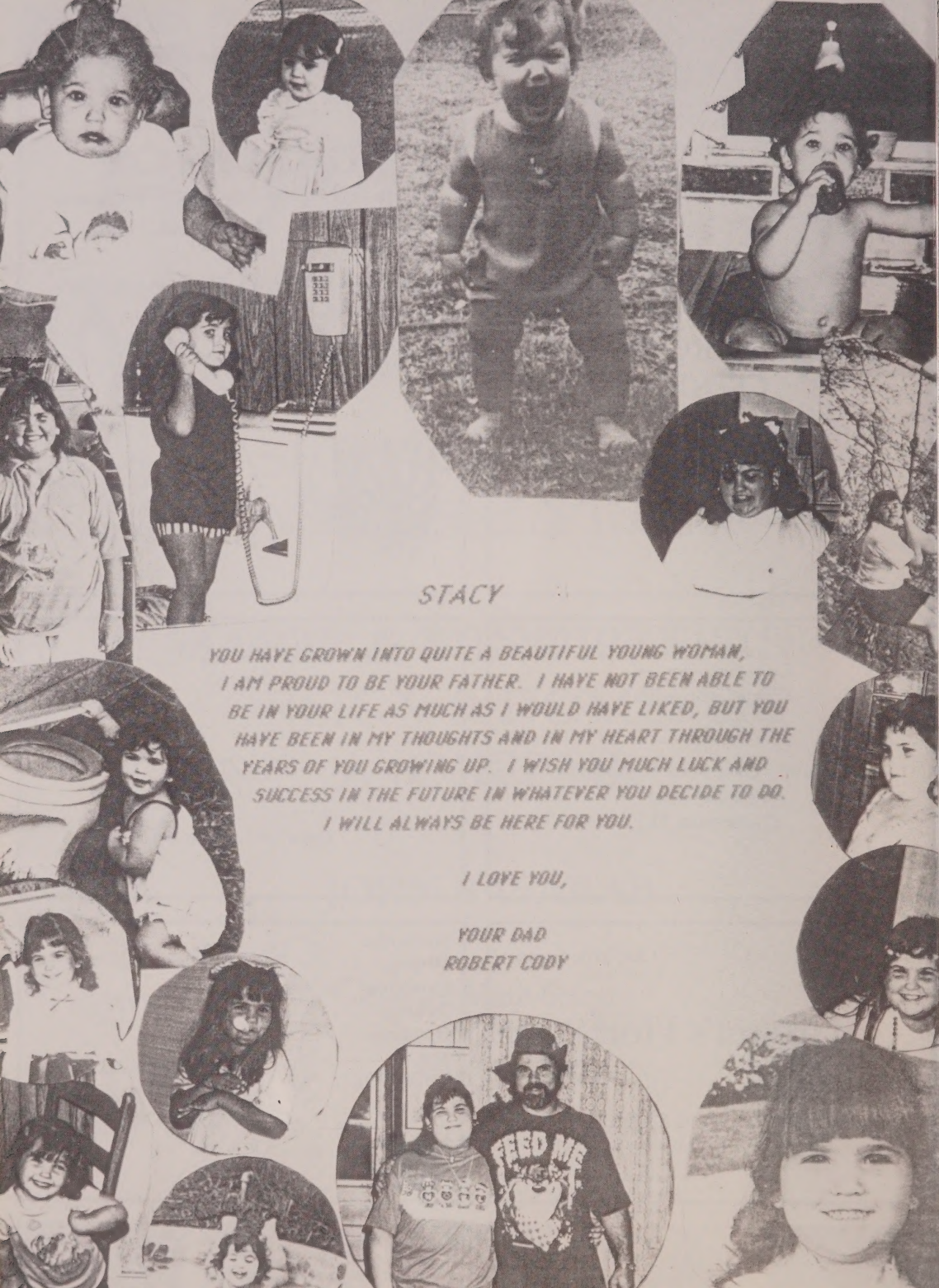




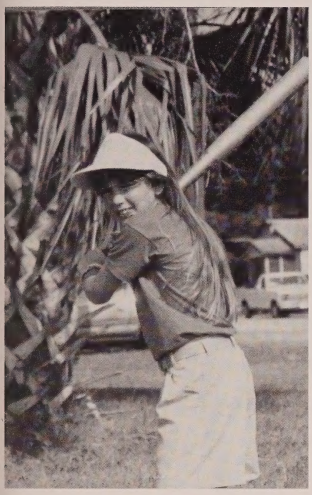
STACY

YOU HAVE GROWN INTO QUITE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG WOMAN, I AM PROUD TO BE YOUR FATHER. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO BE IN YOUR LIFE AS MUCH AS I WOULD HAVE LIKED, BUT YOU HAVE BEEN IN MY THOUGHTS AND IN MY HEART THROUGH THE YEARS OF YOU GROWING UP. I WISH YOU MUCH LUCK AND SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE IN WHATEVER YOU DECIDE TO DO. I WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU.

I LOVE YOU,

YOUR DAD
ROBERT CODY

TAMMIE LYNN MORRIS
CONGRATULATIONS!!



This is the end of one phase of life and beginning of another. We believe in you and your standards in life. You have given us a great deal of happiness, and we are so proud to call you our daughter. Remember, do all things thru Jesus Christ and you will be a blessing and receive our blessing.
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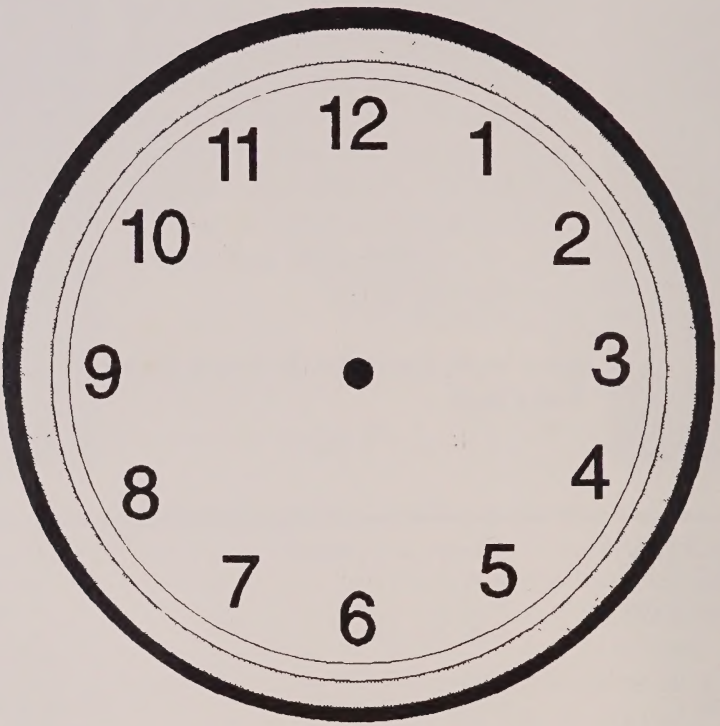

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Crystal Ward

Crystal,

This has been seventeen short years. It seems just yesterday you were our little girl. Now here you are a young woman going out to meet life.

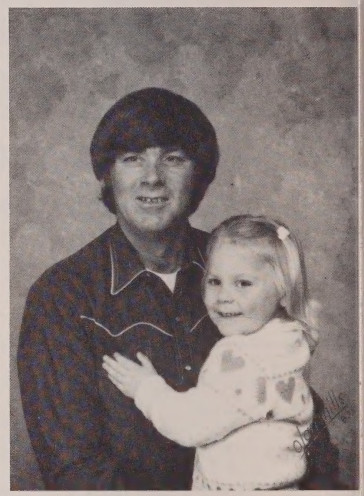
We are very proud of you and your accomplishments through your school years.

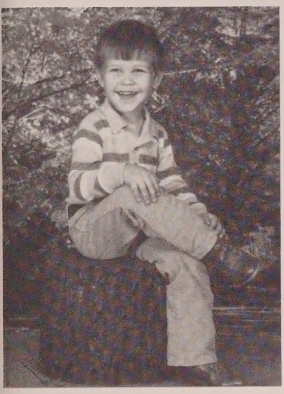
We hope your life is rich and full of success.

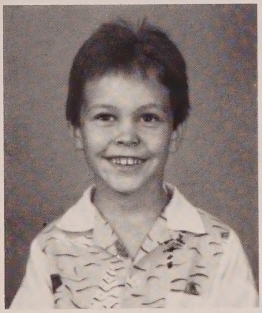
Keep God in your life, remember we are here and we love you always.

Love,

Mom, Dad and Jennifer





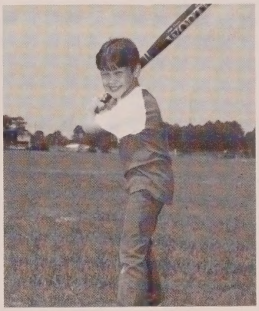
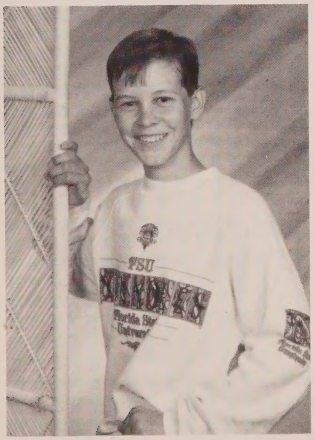


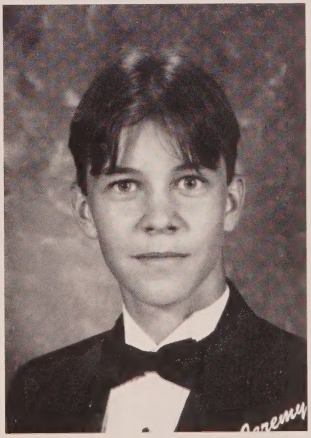
Jeremy,

As a child growing up, kind and tender-hearted, as a preteen student with ambition and consideration for others, as a teenager with a definite goal and purpose in mind. You have made a mom and dad proud to see you mature into a fine young man.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Angie, Rebekah and Sharon



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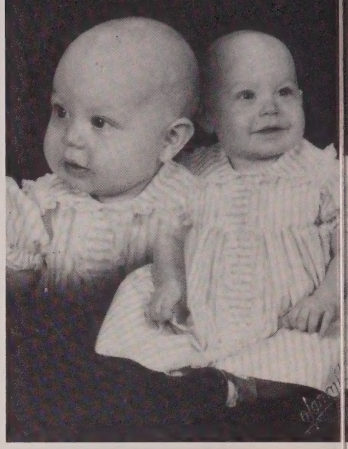


Rebecca ,

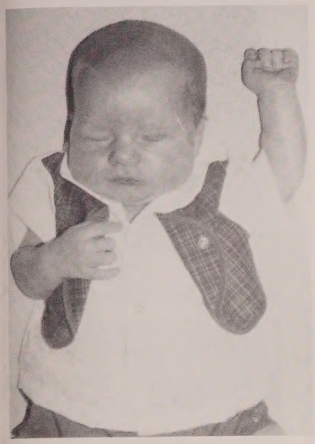
Time has gone by so fast. It seems like yesterday I was holding that cute baby girl God has so greatly blessed me with. Now look at you: a beautiful young lady.

Through the years we've shared good and bad times, laughter and tears, but most of all love.

Now go for it; set your goals and desires high in life. Keep in mind your mother's favorite bible verse:

Proverbs 3 :5-6, Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

We Love You,
Daddy and Caleb



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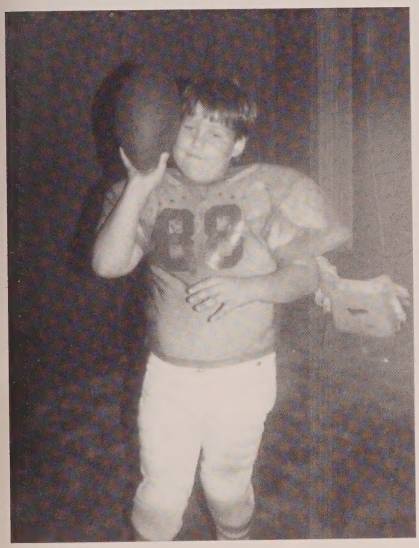
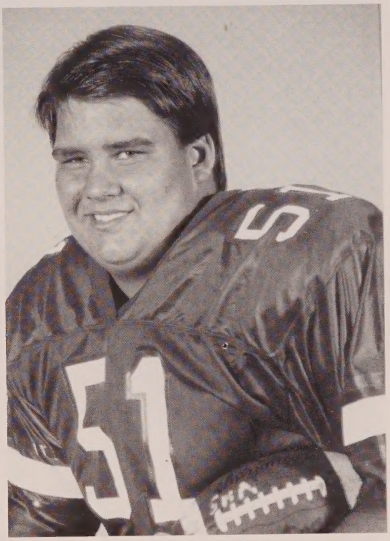
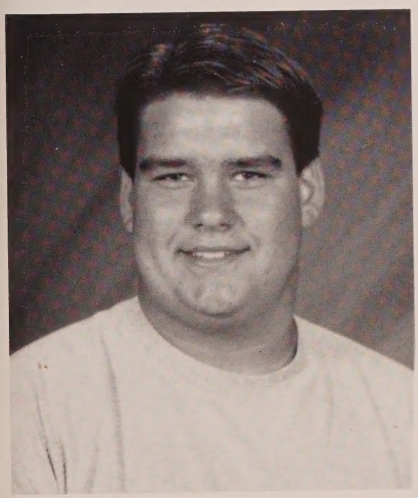


Having a son like you to love
Is the dearest blessing by far.
You'll never know what a joy
you've been,
What a treasure you are!

Tray,
We hope your life is filled with as much laughter, love and happiness as you bring to those around you.
We love you,
Daddy,Mama and
Jessika





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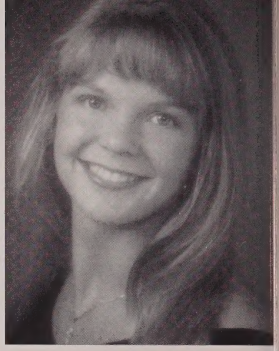

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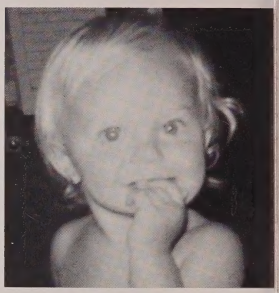


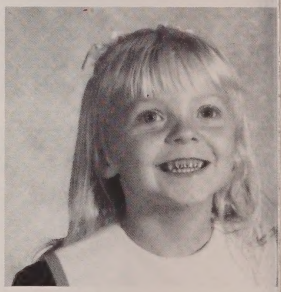
Charity,

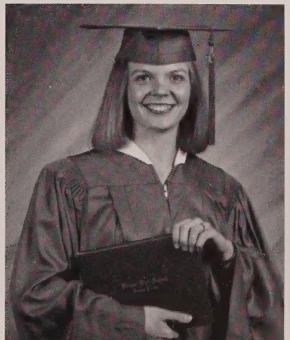
Congratulations on reaching this goal in your life. You have certainly done an outstanding job in your school career. We are all so proud of you. As you close this chapter in your life and begin new ones, our thoughts, love and prayers will always be with you.

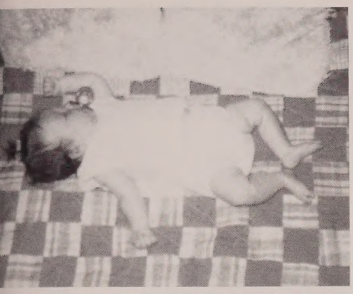
You have been a Special Blessing in our lives.

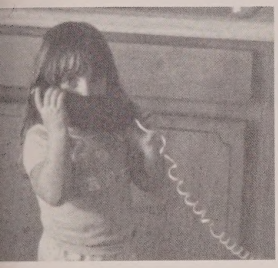
We Love You,

Granddaddy, Granny and Moma









Dear Aimee:
Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain,
Good things and bad things, Pleasure and Pain.
We can't have all sunshine, but it is certainly true
There is never a cloud the sun doesn't shine through.

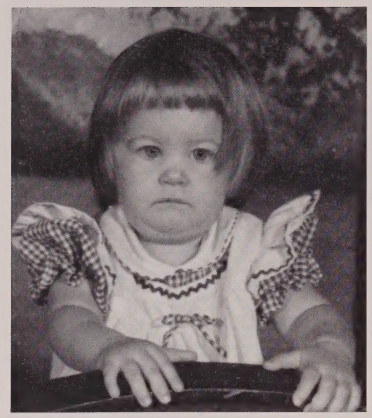
So always remember whatever comes your way
The power of God is always inside you,
And if friends disappoint you and plans go astray
And nothing works out in just the right way,
And you feel you have failed in achieving your goal,
And that life wrongly placed you in an unfitting role;

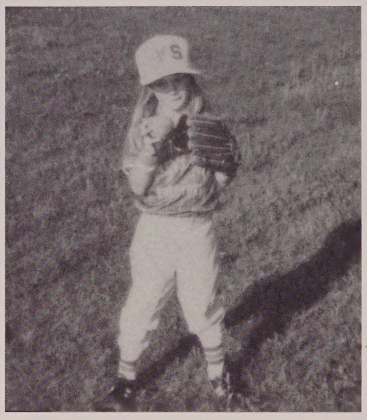
"Take Heart" and "Stand Tall" and think who you are
For God is your Father and no one can bar
Or keep you from reaching your desired success,
Or withhold the joy that is yours to possess.

For with God on your side, it matters not who
Is working to keep life's good things from you,
For you need nothing more than God's guidance and love
To insure you the things that you're most worthy of.

So trust in His Wisdom and follow His Ways.
And be not concerned with the world's empty praise,
But seek first His Kingdom and you will possess
The world's greatest riches which is True Happiness!
Much Love,
Dad & Mom

Aimee Reupke





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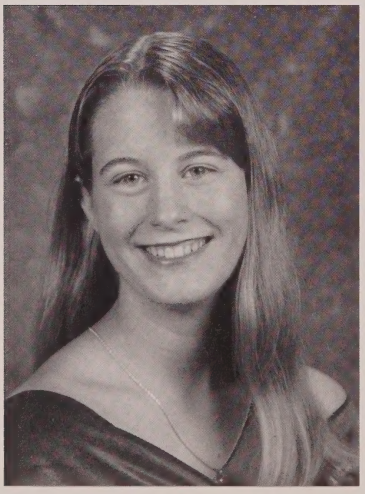
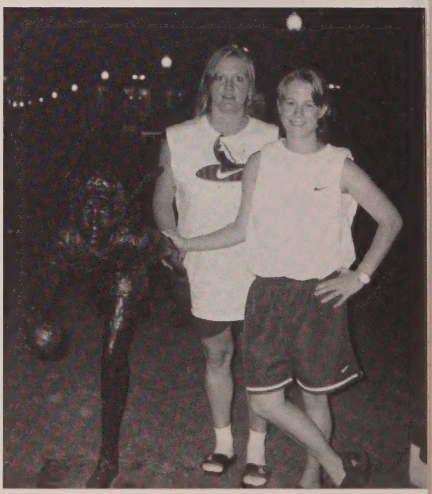


Susan,

It seems like only yesterday that you were starting kindergarten, and now you're ready to graduate. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished. We know what you will go far in life because you give your all in everything you do. God Bless you.

We love you,
Mom, Dad,
and David



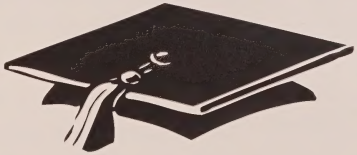
CONGRATULATIONS LETISHA

We know it was hard work and we thank God you made it. " Smile: you are precious! "

Your Mom & Dad,
Johnell & Harry
Andrews

All these years we have supported you and watched you grow up. Now it is coming to an end, and we want you to do the best in life and return the favor.

Your Sisters,
Lillie, Alma, (and your other 11 sisters and brothers)



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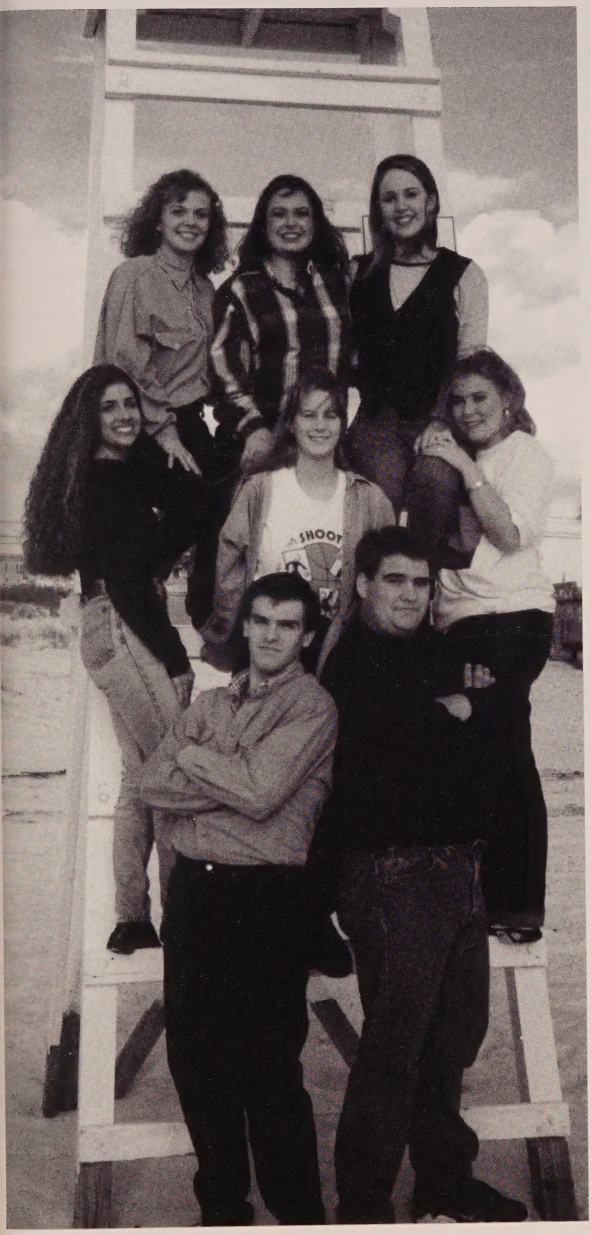

I can't believe its already the day
We must say goodbye.
I wish time could somehow
Freeze or possibly rewind.
All you guys are my world how
Could you ever leave?
I wish you knew how much you
Really mean to me.
We all - black, white, and red -
have found a special bond.
With love, we've found, each of
Us, a shoulder to lean on.
How could we have ever wished
This day to come so fast?
Now we hope and pray these
past few days will forever last.
For all the mamories we've been
through,
Thank God there were so many
Good times and the bad times
were so few.
These past thirteen years have
Truly been a taste of heaven.
And finally I say goodbye to the
Class of '97.

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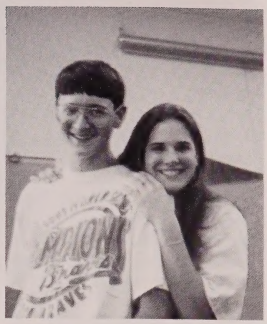

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Hugs galore from the 1996-97 Journalism Staff! From the top, Leah Buswell gives a hug to pal Jesse English. Heather Worthington and Peter Courtney share a solemn hug. Leah and Andrea Everitt "hug and mug" for the camera. He wasn't part of the staff, but he may as well have been since he stopped by so often: Tray Hawkins aggravates Mrs. Bush during one of his wanderings.

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